THE

ANNUAL ADMINISTRATION REPORT

OF THE

COOCH BEHAR STATE

FOR THE

YEAR 1919-1920.

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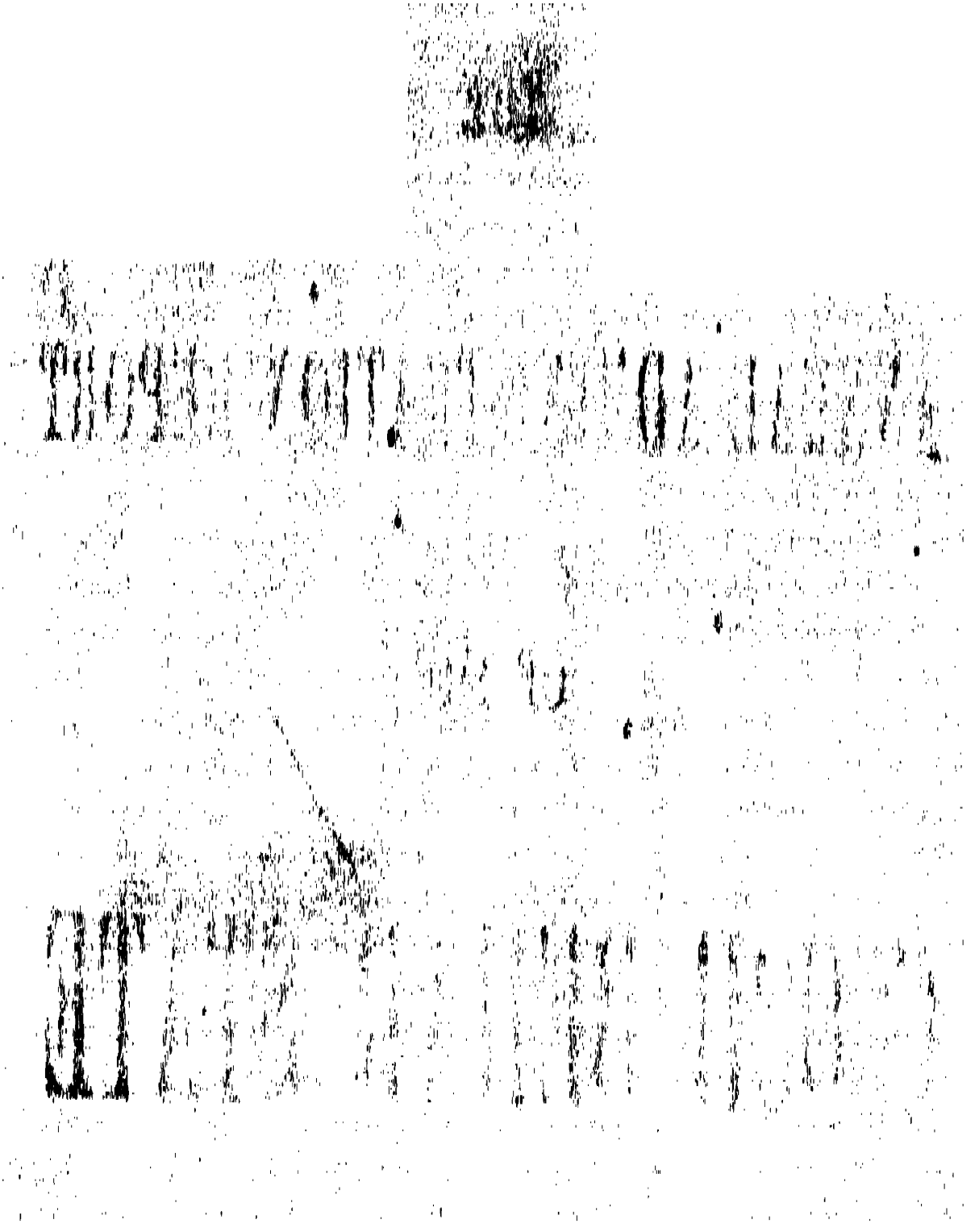

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To

HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA

BHUP BAHADUR OF COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the [illegible] December 1920.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

We have the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Administration of the State for the year 1919-20, to which the several Departmental Reports are attached as usual.

2. *Constitution of the State Council.*—Consequent on the retirement from the Cooch Behar State service of Mr. J. A. Milligan, M.A., I.C.S., Vice-President, State Council, and of Mr. N. N. Sen, Bar-at-law, C.I.E., Dewan of the State, the constitution of the State Council underwent some changes during the year under review. Mr. H. J. Twynam, B.A., I.C.S., was appointed *vice* Mr. Milligan, Vice-President, State Council, for a period of three years with effect from the 3rd March 1920 and also a Justice of the Peace within the State. Babu Pramathanath Chatterjee, M.A., B.L., the Civil and Sessions Judge of the State, was appointed Judicial Member of the Council *vice* Mr. N. N. Sen. Maharajkumar Victor N. Narayan, who had resigned his Extraordinary Membership of the Council, and Maharajkumar Hitendra Narayan were appointed Members of the State Council during the year under report. Mr. B. Ghose, Secretary to His Highness, continued to be a Member of the State Council.

3. *Administrative changes.*—Some changes in the Administration of the State were carried out during the year owing to the retirement of Mr. N. N. Sen, Dewan of the State. The changes are, briefly, these The Revenue Department, the Settlement Department and the Chaklajat Estates were placed under the Vice-President of the State Council, who retained charge of the General Department and of the Darjeeling Estates; the Education Department, the Press and the Department of Agriculture and Industry were placed under Maharajkumar Victor N. Narayan; the Departments of State Military, Peelkhana, Shooting Camp and Game Reserve Forests under Maharajkumar Hitendra Narayan, who was appointed Commandant of the Military Force within the State; the Treasury, the Dewattar and the State Ceremonial Departments were allotted to Mr. B. Ghose, Secretary to His Highness, and the Civil Department, the Registration Department and the Court of Wards to the Judicial Member of the State Council. The Judicial Member was also vested with the powers were formerly held by the Dewan under the Encumbered Estates Act.

The Revenue Officer, Babu Jagadballava Biswas, M.A., B.L., was authorised to exercise all the powers vested in the Dewan by all enactments excepting the Encumbered Estates Act, and rules having the force of law in the State, and to perform all the duties performed by the Dewan in disposing of revenue cases, entertaining petitions, concluding settlements, hearing appeals from orders and decisions of Naib Ahilkars and other subordinate revenue officers, and recommending abatements and remissions of revenue.

4. *Judicial Work of the State Council.*—The Council held 40 meetings in its judicial capacity during the year under review against 21 of the preceding year. The following statement shows the work done by the State Council on the Judicial side during 1919-20.—

Nature of cases.	Pending at the beginning of the year.	Instituted during the year	Disposed of							Total.	Pending at the close of the year.	Remarks.
			Remanded.	Granted.	Rejected.	Reversed.	Dismissed.	Modified.	Struck off.			
Civil.												
Regular appeals (Title) ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	2		
Special appeals (Title) ...	10	1	1	...	...	...	2	1	...	10	1	
Special appeals (Rent) ...	6	2	...	...	...	2	6	...	...	8	...	
Miscellaneous appeals ...	3	3	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	3	3	
Miscellaneous special appeals	4	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	2	2	
Motions	15	6	...	3	18	...	...	...	...	21	...	
Reference	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Criminal.												
Appeals	3	5	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	3		
Motions	4	3	...	1	4	...				5	2	
Grand total ...	47	21	1	4	22	3	17	2	...	50	9	

5. *Legislative work of the Council.*—Under the Cooch Behar Legislative Council Act (II of 1909) Your Highness was pleased to reappoint Kumar Jatindra Narayan to be an Additional Member of Your Highness' Legislative Council for a period of three years with effect from the 20th November 1919 and to appoint Babu Bhikan Chand Oswa and Babu Nitya Kumar Ray to be Members for a period of three years each from the 22nd March 1920; the first Member to represent the Rajgunsh the second to represent Trade and Commerce and the third, the Bar.

On the 31st of March 1920 a meeting of the Legislative Council of Your Highness was held at which Your Highness presided. Bill No. 1 of 1920—an Act to provide for certain matters in connection with the taking of the Census—was introduced by Mr. H. J. Twynam and was passed. It received Your Highness' assent subsequently. Babu Pramathanath Chatterjee obtained the permission of Your Highness to introduce into the Legislative Council of Your Highness, and to publish in the *Cooch Behar Gazette* a Bill for the consolidation and amendment of the law relating to the Court of Wards.

As Your Highness had granted permission to introduce a large number of Bills into the Legislative Council, Your Highness was pleased to appoint for one year the following gentlemen to be Additional Members of the Legislative Council of Your Highness under the Cooch Behar Legislative Council Act (II of 1909) with effect from the 1st of April 1920 in addition to the Additional Members already appointed:—

Kumar Gojendra Narayan.
Rai Chaudhuri Satis Chandra Mozumdar.
Mr. Sailendra Ghosh, Treasury Officer.
Babu Jagadballava Biswas, Revenue Officer.
" Satis Chandra Banerjee, Civil & Sessions Judge.
" Rajendra Prosad Ray, State Pleader.
" Surendra Kanta Roy Majumdar, Pleader.
" Benode Behari Dutt, Pleader.

6. *Executive work of the State Council.*—On the Executive side 36 meetings were held against 21 of the previous year, at 22 of which Your Highness presided. The absence of Your Highness from some of the meetings was due to Your Highness' visit to England.

The work of the Council on the Executive side is dealt with under the three following heads :—

I.—General.

II.—Financial.

III.—Cooch Behar State Railway and Miscellaneous.

I.—General.

7. *Lac Cultivation in the State.*—In paragraph 7 of the Annual Report for the year 1918-19 it was stated that Your Highness had declared the cultivation of the Lac insect and the production and manufacture of Lac within the State to be a State monopoly. During the year under report Your Highness was pleased to cancel the above declaration by the publication of a notification in the *Cooch Behar Gazette.*

8. *Supply of Excise Opium at one or two selected centres.*—During the year 1919-1920 the proposal for the quarterly supply of Excise Opium to various local Governments at one or two centres to be selected by the Board of Revenue, United Provinces, came up before Your Highness in Council. The Government of Bengal enquired if the Cooch Behar Durbar would agree that all opium destined for the State should be sent to one centre, and if so, to which centre it should be sent. The Factory Superintendent proposed that Cooch Behar be made the distributing centre for Native States in Bengal. Your Highness in Council approved of the proposal of the Government to make the Cooch Behar Treasury the centre for the distribution of opium to the Native States in Bengal, on the understanding that this would not involve the inspection of the Cooch Behar Treasury by Government officials—a condition which the Government has been pleased to accept.

9. *Creation of a "Central Investigation Staff" in the Cooch Behar Police.*—It is well known that the investigation of serious crimes such as dacoity, murder, professional burglary, forgery and the like, committed by professional offenders, is a matter of peculiar difficulty. It is usually the system rather than the investigating officer which is at fault. With a view to improve the procedure of investigation a proposal was submitted to Your Highness in Council to separate the station and the investigating staff and to provide each Police Station with a detective staff to investigate all serious or organised crimes, leaving the station staff to deal with the routine work and petty cases. But this system being a costly one, an alternative proposal for the formation of a head-quarters detective staff, consisting, for the present, of one Sub-Inspector, one Head Constable and four Constables for the investigation of important cases was placed before Your Highness in Council. This latter scheme involving an annual expenditure of Rs. 614 was sanctioned by Your Highness in Council during the year, to come into effect from the 1st of April 1920.

10. *Grain Compensation allowance to Menials.*—During the year under review Your Highness in Council was pleased to grant grain compensation allowance to all menials, save those who get their food free in addition to their pay, whose monthly pay is Rs. 11 or less, for the months of July to December 1919 inclusive, at monthly rates laid down in the Council Resolution of the 1st of October 1919. The grant for the purpose was increased by Your Highness to Rs. 11,000.

11. *Training of Police Cadets at the Sardah Police Training College.*—Your Highness in Council was pleased during the year to accord sanction to the proposal forwarded by the Vice-President of the State Council in the General Department for training two cadets at the Police Training College at Sardah with a view to their appointment to permanent vacancies in the rank of Sub-Inspector of Police.

12. *Clemency to prisoners on the signature of Peace.*—Agreeably to the desire expressed in letter No. 1230J, dated the 3rd April 1919, from the Commissioner of the Rajshahi Division and Political Agent for the Cooch Behar State, the Cooch Behar Durbar accepted the principles, subject to Your Highness' confirmation, outlined in the letter referred to above regarding clemency to prisoners on the conclusion of Peace in the form of releases and remissions of sentences. Remissions to prisoners in the Cooch Behar Jail on the 19th of July 1919 were accordingly granted on the scale adopted in June 1910 on the occasion of the accession to the Throne of His Majesty the King-Emperor, subject to the restriction that no remission was to be granted to any prisoner against whose name there was a definite recommendation against the grant of remission.

13. *Peace Celebrations.*—The war having terminated in the triumph of the Allies and the Treaty of Peace with Germany having been signed on the 28th day of June 1919, the 19th of July 1919 was, under Your Highness' orders cabled from London, observed throughout the State as a holiday. The following Peace celebrations were held in December 1919 throughout the State, *viz.*—

(1) The 13th and 16th of December 1919 were observed as Peace holidays.

(2) The 14th of December 1919 was observed as a day of thanksgiving.

(3) On the 15th of December 1919 the poor were fed.

Your Highness was pleased to sanction Rs. 5,000 for the Peace celebrations.

Your Highness was, further, pleased to accord sanction to a provision of Rs. 2,000 being made in the Budget for 1919-20 for the estimated cost of the commemorative medals for presentation to the students in the State to mark the conclusion of the War.

14. *Census*, 1921.—The next decennial Census will be taken in India on the 18th of March 1921, the date selected by the Government of India. The Government of Bengal has been informed that the Cooch Behar Durbar has no objection to offer to that date being fixed for the Census of the Cooch Behar State. A sum of Rs. 3,500 has been provided, under Your Highness' orders, in the Budget for 1920-21 for the Census of 1921, and, as stated above, the Cooch Behar Census Act was passed by Your Highness in Council on the 31st March 1920.

15. *Death of Maharajkumar Shivaji Rao Gaikwad.*—As a sign of mourning at the sad death of Maharajkumar Shivaji Rao Gaikwad of Baroda all courts and offices as also the College and Schools remained closed on the 29th of November 1919 under Your Highness' orders.

16. *Crops and condition of the people.*—During the year under report the rainfall registered at the Sudder Station was 157·53 inches against 158·37 of the previous year. Details are given in the margin* shewing the distribution month by month. The rainfall during the year fell short of that on the year previous by 0·84 of an inch only.

April	[illegible]
May	[illegible]
June	[illegible]
July	[illegible]
August	[illegible]
September	[illegible]
October	[illegible]
November	[illegible]
December	[illegible]
January	[illegible]
February	[illegible]
March	[illegible]
Total ..	[illegible]

The seasonable showers in April and May facilitated the cultivation of the Bitri crop. The weeding operations were, however, retarded to some extent by the rainfall in June and July. But the scanty rainfall in August seriously damaged the crop with the result that the estimated outturn turned out to be 10 annas only. The price varied from Rs. 2 to Rs. 3-12 per maund.

The sowing and the weeding operations of the jute crop progressed favourably, but the heavy showers in June interfered with the healthy growth of the plants. The cessation of rain in August and in the beginning of September adversely affected the steeping and the washing of jute. But the heavy down-pours in the middle and in the end of September improved the situation and the outturn amounted to 13 annas. The price ranged between Rs. 4 and Rs. 15 per maund.

The Haimanti seedlings were well reared in the nurseries as a result of seasonable showers up to July. But the scanty rainfall in August retarded the transplantation of the seedlings in great measure and withered those already transplanted. The cultivators took advantage of the seasonable showers in September to transplant the seedlings and the outturn yielded crop of 10 annas. The price of common rice was between Rs. 5-10 and Rs. 8.

The heavy rainfall in September, on the other hand, caused much injury to the tobacco seedlings which had afterwards to be reared afresh in the nurseries, in several tracts. Despite the delay caused thereby to the cultivation of this crop, the light showers in February benefited its growth considerably and an outturn of 13 annas was the result. The price varied from Rs. 8-8 to Rs. 25.

The outturn of mustard seeds was 11 annas and the price fetched ranged between Rs. 7 and Rs. 15.

Owing to the shortage of food-stuffs amongst the ryots, orders were issued prohibiting the export of the staple food-grains from the State. The local merchants who had stored up paddy and rice in their granaries for export had thus no alternative but to sell to the local people.

There was a severe epidemic of cholera in all the Sub-divisions of the State and small-pox also raged everywhere. The number of persons attacked with cholera and small-pox were 870 and 503, respectively, of whom 634 died of cholera and 93 of small-pox. There was no cattle disease reported.

17. *The State Ceremonial and Debutter Department.*—The anniversary of the demise of His Highness Maharaja Raj Rajendra Narayan Bhup Bahadur and that of His Highness Maharaja Sir Nripendra Narayan Bhup Bahadur, G.C.I.E., C.B., were celebrated as in previous years with due solemnity on the 1st and the 18th of September 1919, respectively.

The amount disbursed by the Ceremonial Department on account of allowance to Rajgurus, Brahmins, poor students and others, donations and subscriptions to Charitable Institutions and cost of establishment was Rs. 84,504 against Rs. 73,744 of the previous year, showing an increase of Rs. 10,760. This increase was mainly due to the increase in the allowances granted to the Rajgurus during the year under report. Besides the above expenditure, subscriptions &c., amounting to Rs. 3,045 were paid direct from the Treasury.

In the Debutter Department, the total disbursements amounted to Rs. 41,315 against Rs. [illegible] of the previous year, showing an increase of Rs. 3,040 due principally to the extra provision of Rs. 1,200 made for ordinary Pujas on account of the prevailing high prices as well as to the

provision of Rs. 1,000 required for the construction of the Roshan-Chowkiwallas' quarters.

During the year under report, educational allowances were granted to 132 students, of whom 42 were natives of the State. Of the stipendiaries three passed the Matriculation, six the I.A., nine the B. A. and one the B. Sc., Examinations. Of these successful students, six were natives.

The daily average number of patients attending the Ayurvedic Charitable Dispensary was 45·56 against 46·15 of the previous year. The Ayurvedic garden was maintained as before.

All the Pujas and Periodical ceremonies were duly performed. The usual celebrations in connection with the Rashjatra festival were held and people in large numbers came from the interior and the neighbouring British districts to enjoy the occasion.

Three thousand and forty-six persons received food at the Anandamoyee Dharmasala. The Thakurbaris in the town of Cooch Behar fed 58,188 with a daily average of 159·41 persons.

18. *Benares.*—The Agent disbursed Rs. 16,816 against Rs. 12,601 in the previous year on account of allowances to persons residing at Benares, the peformance of Pujas at and the maintenance of the Thakurbaris, the Chhatra and of the houses owned by Your Highness. This increase in expenditure was mainly due to the additional provision of Rs 3,500 required for the Pujas and for feeding the poor in the Chhatra on account of the high prices prevailing in the country. The number of persons who were provided with free meals at the Chhatra was 60,505 against 38,818 of the year previous, shewing an increase of 21,687 persons. This increase was due to the great increase in the number of poor people resorting to the Chhatra and the consequent increase in the quantity of food which was provided under Your Highness' orders.

19. *The Pooneah Durbar for* 1326 B. S.—The Pooneah Ceremony for the Bengali year 1326 was held on the 12th, 13th and 14th of May 1919. On the 12th the usual Durbar was held. As Your Highness was in England at the time, the Dewan presented Nazar and officers and subjects of the State paid homage to the Throne, in obedience to Your Highness' commands previously communicated.

20. *Birthday Durbar of Your Highness.*—The Birthday Durbar of Your Highness was held at the Durbar Hall on the 27th of February 1920, at 7-30 P. M., when officers and subjects of Your Highness presented Your Highness with Nazar and paid Your Highness their homage.

Immediately prior to the above Durbar Your Highness was pleased to unveil the Statue of Your Highness' father—His Highness the late Maharaja Sir Nripendra Narayan Bhup Bahadur, G.C.I.E., C.B., of blessed memory in a speech short and touching. The whole ceremony was solemn, all standing up and paying silent obeisance to the Statue. The Statue stands in front of the State Council house, just on the north of the Sagardighi. It is the work of Messrs J. Whitehead & Sons.

21. *Visit of Your Highness to Europe.*—Your Highness arrived at Cooch Behar from Darjeeling en route from England on the 14th of October 1919 and was accorded a most loyal and enthusiastic reception, and Your Highness again left Cooch Behar for England on the 1st of April 1920. Prior to Your Highness' departure, Your Highness left a Memorandum dated the 28th March 1920 relating to the administration of the State during Your Highness' absence from India.

II.—Financial.

The Revenue of the year 1919-20 amounted to Rs. 32,30,074 against Rs. 29,36,919 showing an increase of Rs. 2,93,155 and the Expenditure to Rs. 31,44,820 against Rs. 28,39,222 of the year 1918-19, showing an increase of Rs. 3,05,598. A surplus of Rs. 85,254 was the result against a surplus of Rs. 97,697 of the year previous.

The increase of Rs. 2,93,155 in Revenue is mainly due to increase under :—

	Rs.
I.—General Revenue.—	
(a) Land Revenue...	1,52,062
(b) Stamps	54,081
(c) Excise	5,249
II.—Law and Justice.—	
(b) Registration	2,230
III.—Miscellaneous.—	
(a) Criminal Justice	2,267
(b) Jail	11,866
(c) Education, Science and Arts ...	1,277
IV.—Debutter	5,984
V.—His Highness' Estates.—	
(a) Darjeeling	115
VI.—Cooch Behar State Railway.— ...	59,661

On the other hand, there are some heads which show decrease in Revenue, notably,—

	Rs.
I.—GENERAL REVENUE.—	
(c) Excise.—	
Miscellaneous	2,776
(e) Sundries	2,581
III.—Miscellaneous.—	
(d) Public Works	1,457

The Expenditure of the year 1919-20, compared with that of the year 1918-19 shows, as stated above, an increase of Rs. 3,05,598. The principal heads showing increased expenditure are :—

	Rs.
I.—His Highness' Privy Purse	97,567
II.—Allowance to His Highness' Relations ...	39,388
III.—Administration.—	
1. Control	27,338
2. General	76,432
3. Revenue	9,393
4. Law and Justice	2,367
5. Miscellaneous	11,226
IV.—Debutter	7,823
V.—His Highness' Estates.—	
(b) Chaklajat	6,109
VII.—Cooch Behar State Railway	25,651
IX.—Miscellaneous	5,357

22. *Repayment of Debts.*—The sum of Rs. 1,34,424 was paid during 1919-20 towards Repayment of Debts against Rs. 97,944 of the year previous or an increase of Rs. 36,480.

There are some heads, however, which show decrease in Expenditure during the year, particularly—

III.—ADMINITTRATION.—

		Rs.
(e)	POLICE	1,827
(h)	PUBLIC WORKS.—	
	(iii) State grant to Communication Improvement Fund. ...	11,346
	(iv) Electrical Department	11,316
V.—HIS HIGHNESS' ESTATES	... ...	3,777
VI.—STATE CEREMONIAL DEPATMENT	... ...	29,147

23. *Railway Capital Expenditure.*—There was a provision of Rs. 8,000 under this head. No Expenditure was incurred under this head during the year under review.

The amount deposited by the State for capital works on the Cooch Behar State Railway up to the 31st of March 1920 amounted to Rs. 20,87,759 and the total expenditure incurred up to the above date amounts to Rs. 20,80,231.

24. *Children's Fund.*—The closing balance of the Children's Fund for year 1919-20 was Rs. 3,022 cash.

The fund for the Resettlement of the State closed with a cash balance of Rs. 6,206. This fund shows neither receipt nor expenditure during the year 1919-20.

The cash balance at the Treasury at the close of the year 1919-20 amounted to Rs. 11,02,309 against Rs. 10,77,079 of 1918-19. This sum includes cash of the Government of Bengal (Rs. 2,45,828), and deposits and funds of the State (Rs. 2,54,202). The actual closing cash balance of the year of report is shown below :—

	Rs.
Cooch Behar State	3,43,391
Chaklajat Estates	2,58,888
	6,02,279

In the Budget Estimates for the year 1920-21 the Revenue is estimated at Rs. 34,59,502 and the Expenditure at Rs. 32,01,165 providing for a surplus of Rs. 2,58,337.

III.—Cooch Behar State Railway and Miscellaneous.

25. *Working of the Cooch Behar State Railway.*—The following statement shows the result of the working of the line during the year under review as compared with the previous year :—

	For the year	
	1918-19.	1919-20.
	Rs.	Rs.
Gross earnings	3,20,526	3,80,187
Working expenses	1,48,495	1,74,146
Net earnings	1,72,031	2,06,041
Percentage of working expenses over gross earnings	46·32	45·8
Percentage of net earnings on Capital Outlay	7·48	9·9

26. *Municipalities.*—The following statement shows the receipts and expenditure of the four Town Committees during the year 1919-1920 :—

RECEIPTS.

	Cooch Behar.	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Haldibari.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
State grant	28,906	1,900	2,665	1,900
Do. from Pound Fund ...	5,600	200	1,000	.....
Chaukidari Tax	5,579	1,118	798	928
Latrine Tax	7,212	1,088	740	.....
Miscellaneous	4,362	2,678	1,036	5,177
Total ...	50,528	6,974	6,140	8,005

EXPENDITURE.

Public Works	19,013	2,942	1,272	2,299
Establishment and Contingencies ...	4,567	1,216	1,163	1,293
Chaukidari Tax	3,898	686	727	.....
Conservancy	3,159	1,420	1,562	1,047
Lighting	4,673	755	613	688
Miscellaneous	3,503	793	228	618
Total ...	44,814	7,793	5,565	5,879

27. *Pensions and Gratuities.*—Your Highness was pleased to sanction Rs. 2,925 for pensions and gratuities during the year under report.

We have the honour to be,

YOUR HIGHNESS'

Most obedient and humble servants,

H. J. TWYNAM,

Vice-President, State Council.

VICTOR NRIPENDRA NARAYAN,

Maharajkumar, Member.

HITENDRA NARAYAN,

Maharajkumar, Member.

B. GHOSE,

Secretary to His Highness, Member.

PRANATHA NATH CHATTERJEE,

Judicial Member, State Council, Cooch Behar.

I.—Statement shewing the comparative Revenue and Expenditure of the Cooch Behar State for the years 1918-19 and 1919-20.

REVENUE.	Actuals for 1918-19.	Actuals for 1919-20.	Difference. Increase.	Difference. Decrease.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I.—General Revenue—				
a. Land Revenue ...	13,33,306	14,85,367	1,52,062	.....
b. Excise ...	2,42,003	2,96,084	54,081	.....
c. Mazur ...	1,75,679	1,80,928	5,249	.....
d. Interest on Loans and Investments ...	743	569	.....	174
e. Sundries ...	10,871	8,290	.....	2,581
II.—Law and Justice—				
a. Civil and Sessions Court ...	11,24	1,052	.....	72
b. Registration ...	16,766	18,996	2,230	.....
III.—Miscellaneous—				
a. Criminal Justice ...	6,059	8,326	2,267	.....
b. Jail ...	23,196	35,052	11,856	.....
c. Education, Science and Arts ...	32,185	33,462	1,277	.....
d. Public Works ...	29,978	28,521	.....	1,457
e. Sundries ...	10,013	12,887	2,874	.....
IV.—Debutter ...	1,13,249	1,19,233	5,984	.....
V.—His Highness the Maharaja's Estates—				
a. Darjeeling Estates ...	76,501	76,616	115	.....
b. Chaklajat Estates ...	5,44,731	5,44,504	.....	227
VI.—Cooch Behar State Railway ...	3,20,526	3,80,187	59,661	.....
Total Revenue ...	29,36,919	32,30,074	2,93,155	.....
Resettlement Fund ...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	29,36,919	32,30,074	2,93,155	.....
Deficit ...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand total ...	29,36,919	32,30,074	2,93,155	.....

EXPENDITURE.	Actuals for 1918-19.	Actuals for 1919-20.	Difference. Increase.	Difference. Decrease.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I.—His Highness' Privy Purse ...	4,69,545	5,67,112	97,567	.....
II.—Allowance to His Highness' Relations ...	2,14,373	2,53,761	39,388	.....
III.—Administration.—				
1. Control ...	60,555	87,893	27,338	.....
2. General ...	5,08,958	5,85,390	76,432	.....
3. Revenue ...	3,07,200	3,16,593	9,393	.....
4. Law and Justice ...	61,763	64,130	2,367	.....
5. Miscellaneous ...	1,31,971	1,43,197	11,226	.....
IV.—Debutter ...	58,791	66,114	7,323	.....
V.—His Highness the Maharaja's Estates.—				
a. Darjeeling Estates ...	66,535	56,649	.....	9,886
b. Chaklajat Estates ...	2,92,332	2,98,441	6,109	.....
VI.—State Ceremonial Department ...	2,82,847	2,53,700	.....	29,147
VII.—Cooch Behar State Railway ...	1,48,495	1,74,146	25,651	.....
VIII.—Reserve Fund ...	.....	.....	.....	.....
IX.—Miscellaneous ...	1,37,913	1,43,270	5,357	.....
Total ...	27,41,278	30,10,396	2,69,118	.....
Repayment of Debts ...	97,944	1,34,424	36,480	.....
Total ...	28,39,222	31,44,820	3,05,598	.....
Surplus ...	97,697	85,254	.....	12,443
Grand total ...	29,36,919	32,30,074	2,93,155	.....

His Highness' Office, Audit Department.
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FROM

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GENERAL DEPARTMENT,
COOCH BEHAR.

TO

HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA BHUP BAHADUR
IN COUNCIL, COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, 14th September 1920.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report for the administrative year 1919-1920 of the Departments under my charge. As my predecessor, Mr. J. A. Milligan, I. C. S., held charge of the office of Vice-President of the State Council almost throughout the year under review, I shall confine myself to a few observations only.

1. Mr. J. A. Milligan, M.A., I.C.S., handed over charge of his office to me on the afternoon of the 3rd March 1920. With effect from the 15th January 1920, the departments of Education and State Press, which had previously been under the Vice-President in the General Department, were placed by Your Highness under the control of Maharajkumar Victor N. Narayan. This Report will, therefore, not deal with the Education or State Press Departments.

The Settlement Department and the Chaklajat Estates which had hitherto been under the management of the Dewan were placed under the Vice-President from the 3rd January 1920, and, on the 5th March 1920, the Vice-President was also made the Head of the Revenue Department. These three departments will be dealt with separately in the Report of the Revenue Department.

2. The year 1919-1920 has, on the whole, been one of recuperation from the effects of the War. Prices of food-stuffs and clothing were still very high, but the restrictions on the export of paddy and rice from the State were retained and, by these means, prices were kept considerably below the level ruling in the neighbouring districts of British India. Unfortunately, the distribution of the rainfall was not very satisfactory and, consequently, the crops suffered. Further, owing to the sudden fall in the price of jute the cultivators did not gain as much from the sale of this crop as had at one time been expected. On the other hand, the considerable rise in the price of mustard seed benefited the producers of this crop.

It is satisfactory to add that there was an improvement in the health of the people, the figures of mortality from malaria and cholera showing a marked decline. There was an epidemic of small-pox at the close of the year but the prompt measures of precaution taken by the Medical Department arrested the development of this disease.

3. On the 23rd May 1919 a daughter was born to Your Highness in England and in September 1919 Your Highness returned to India.

I.—ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

Charge.—Mr. S. Ghosh remained in charge of the Fouzdari Ahilkar's Office for the whole year under report.

2. The names of Officers who held charge of the subordinate Criminal Courts and the changes which took place during the year are mentioned below :—

Name of Sub-divisions.	Name of Naib Ahilkars.	Period of remaining in charge.	Name of additional Naib Ahilkars.	Period of remaining in charge.
Sudder ...	Rai Chaudhuri Satis Chandra Mustafi.	From 1st April 1919 to 31st March 1920.	.....	.....
	Babu Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L.	From 29th April 1919* to 4th November 1919.	.....	.....
Tufanganj ...	Babu Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L.	From 1st April 1919 to 31st March 1920.	.....	.....
Dinhata ...	Babu Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L.	From the 1st to the 26th April 1919.	Babu Nirmal Ch. Mustafi, B.L., Addl. N. A.	From 1st April 1919 to 31st March 1920.
	Babu Narasinha Ch. Ghose, M.A., B.L.	From 27th April 1919 to 21st Sept. 1919.	.....	.....
	Babu Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L.	From 22nd Sept. to 9th Sept. 1919.	.....	.....
	Babu Uma Nath Dutt, B.L.	From 10th Nov. 1919 to 31st March 1920.	.....	.....
Mathabhanga ..	Babu Rajani Kanta Bhoumik, M.A., B.L.	From 1st April 1919 to 31st March 1920.	Moulavi Bazlay Rahaman Sarkar, B.L., Addl. N. A.	From 1st April 1919 to 31st March 1920.
Mekliganj ...	Babu Umanath Dutt, B.L.	From 1st April 1919 to 9th Nov. 1919.	.....	.....
	Babu Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L.	From 10th Nov. 1919 to 31st March 1920.	.....	.....

The dates are given on information supplied from the Revenue Office.

3. *Bench of Honorary Magistrates at Haldibari*—Mr. T. Mc.Murphy held charge of the Haldibari Bench throughout the year.

4. There were altogether 27 sittings in the year under report against 19 of the year previous showing an increase of 8.

5. The following table shews the attendance of the members of the Bench :—

Names of Magistrates.	No. of days present
Mr. T. Mc.Murphy	20
Mr. C. V. Slane	16
Babu Mohini Kumar Bagchi	24

6. Forty-six cases were tried by the Bench during the year against 60 of the previous year showing a decrease of 14 cases—*viz.*, 11 Cognizable and 3 Non-Cognizable. This is mainly due to the smaller number of cases sent up from the Haldibari Police Station and from the Haldibari Town Committee.

7. The following table shews the details of cases received from different sources during the past 3 years :—

Year.	From Mekliganj Court.	From Haldibari P. S.	From Haldibari Town Committee.	Total.
1917-18 ...	6	35	19	60
1918-19 ...	...	37	23	60
1919-20 ...	1	25	20	46

Of these, 1 case in 1919-20 was transferred to Mekliganj.

8. *Criminal Statistics.*—The following table shews the number of cases Cognizable and Non-Cognizable, instituted during the past 3 years :—

Year.	Offences. Cognizable.	Non-cognizable.	Total.
1917-18	1217	1482	2699
1918-19	1166	1162	2328
1919-20	1173	1278	2451

Thus the total number of cases reported during the year was 2451 against 2328 of the preceding year showing an increase of 123 cases

There was an increase of 7 cases under the head "Cognizable" as also an increase of 116 cases under the head "Non-Cognizable".

9. *Cognizable and Non-Cognizable Crimes.*—The following table shews the number and variety of offences reported during the year under report as compared with those of the previous year :—

Class of offence.	Cognizable Statement A, Part I.				Non-cognizable Statement B, Part I.			
	1918-19.	1919-20.	Increase.	Decrease.	1918-19.	1919-20.	Increase.	Decrease.
I. Offences against the State ...	34	28	...	6	75	70	...	5
II. Serious offences against person	94	74	...	20	2	..	...	2
III. Do. against property..	418	399	...	19	11	6	...	5
IV. Minor offences against person ...	17	8	...	9	396	444	48	...
V. Do. against property ...	369	442	73	...	302	326	24	...
VI. Other offences	234	222	...	12	222	268	46	...
Cases under Special & Local Laws	...	...	...	...	154	164	10	...
Total ...	1,166	1,173	73	...	1,162	1,278	116	...

10. The following statement gives the result of the past 3 years as regards persons brought to trial, convicted, acquitted or otherwise disposed of :—

Particulars.	1917-1918.			1918-1919.			1919-1920.		
	Cognizable.	Non-cognizable.	Total.	Cognizable.	Non-cognizable.	Total.	Cognizable.	Non-cognizable.	Total.
Number of cases dealt with including pending cases of the preceding year.	1,272	1,589	2,861	1,202	1,258	2,455	1,244	1,426	2,670
Number of persons brought to trial ...	1,067	1,283	2,350	1,126	983	2,109	1,306	1,104	2,410
Convicted	584	567	1,151	560	280	840	539	287	826
Released	377	239	616	296	174	470	494	179	673
Otherwise disposed of	68	422	490	95	420	515	95	555	650
Pending at the end of the year	37	55	92	175	109	284	178	83	261
Percentage of conviction to total number of persons tried.	60·77	70·34	65·13	65·42	61·67	64·12	52·17	61·58	55·1

11. *Cases not enquired into.*—Under section 157 (*b*) of the Criminal Procedure Code the Police refused to investigate 71 cases during the year under report against 90 cases of the year previous.

12. *Abstract of heinous offences.*—The following is an abstract of heinous offences :—

Murder.—One case of murder against the same number of the previous year was reported during the year from the Dinhata Sub-Division; it resulted in acquittal from the Court of Session.

Culpable Homicide.—One case of culpable homicide not amounting to murder against the same number of the previous year was reported from the Tufangunj Sub-Division during the year under report. The case was declared to be true but was not detected despite vigorous investigation.

Dacoity.—Two cases of dacoity against 7 of the previous year were reported during the year, one from Mathabhanga and the other from the Mekligunj Sub-Division. Both the cases remained pending at the close of the year.

Two dacoity cases which remained pending at the close of the preceding year could not be detected.

Rape.—There was no rape case during the year under report as in the preceding year.

Unnatural Offence.—There was no case during the year against one of the year previous.

Robbery.—Seven cases against the same number of the previous year were reported during the year. Of these 7 cases, two cases were reported from the Sudder, one of which was not detected and the other remained pending at the close of the year. Three cases were reported from the Mekligunj Sub-division none of which could be detected. Two cases were reported from the Mathabhanga Sub-division both of which ended in conviction.

Four cases of the year previous remained pending at the close of that year, one in each of the Sudder, Mathabhanga, Dinhata and Tufangunj Sub-divisions. The Dinhata case ended in conviction but the other three cases were not detected inspite of vigorous attempts.

Kidnapping.—There were 16 cases instituted during the year against 23 of the year previous. There were 9 cases pending from the previous year. The details of the 25 cases are given below :—

Of the 6 cases of Sudder, 1 was declared intentionally false and the remaining 5 ended in acquittal.

Of the 5 cases of Tufangunj 2 ended in conviction, 1 in acquittal, 1 was not detected and the other remained pending at the close of the year. All the 8 cases of Dinhata ended in acquittal.

Of the 4 cases of Mathabhanga, 1 ended in conviction, 2 in acquittal and the other remained pending at the close of the year.

Of the two cases of Mekligunj, 1 ended in acquittal and the other was not detected.

Therefore the total number of cases pending at the close of the year was two.

Arson cases.—One case against 5 of the year previous was reported during the year and there was one case pending from the preceding year. Both the cases were of the Sudder Sub-Division and were not detected. There were no Arson cases in other Sub-Divisions.

12. The following table shews the number of appeals preferred during the year and their results :—

Names of officers.	Total No. of persons convicted.	Total No. of Appeals	Order confirmed.	Appeals rejected.	Order modified.	Order reversed.	Pending.
Sudder.							
Mr. S. Ghosh, Fouzdari Ahilkar	4	4	4	...	...	...	.....
Rai Choudhuri Satis Chandra Mustafi, Naib Ahilkar ...	17	13	7	...	3	3	.....
Tufangunj.							
Babu Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, Naib Ahilkar	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....
Dinhata.							
„ Sarat Chandra Ghoshal, Naib Ahilkar	1	1	...	...	...	1	.....
„ Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, Naib Ahilkar	5	1	1	...	...	...	.....
„ Uma Nath Dutta, Naib Ahilkar	19	8	3	...	1	...	4
„ Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, Additional Naib Ahilkar ...	2	2	...	...	...	1	1
Mathabhanga.							
„ Rajani Kanta Bhoumik, Naib Ahilkar	27	12	10	...	...	1	1
Maulavi Bazley Rahaman Sarkar, Additional Naib Ahilkar	6	4	1	...	...	3	.....
Mekligunj.							
Babu Umanath Datta, Naib Ahilkar	15	4	3	...	...	1	.....
„ Sarat Chandra Ghosal, Naib Ahilkar	2	2	2	...	...	...	.....
Total ...	98	51	31	...	4	10	6

14. The following table shews the distribution of work in the Criminal Courts for the year 1919-20 :—

Name of Court.	Number of cases.	Number of persons.	Convicted.	Acquitted.	Otherwise disposed of.	Pending.	Percentage of conviction.
Sudder.							
Babu Pramatha Nath Chatterjee, M.A., B.L., Sessions Judge ...	7	16	8	8	...	...	50·0
„ Satis Chandra Banerjee, B. L., Sessions Judge ...	1	3	...	.....	.....	3	.....
Mr. S. Ghosh, B. A., Fouzdari Ahilkar	711	509	147	118	180	64	55·47
Rai Choudhuri Satis Chandra Mustafi, Naib Ahilkar ...	219	288	82	62	124	20	56·94
Babu Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., S. D. O., Sudder ...	80	96	17	10	69	...	62·96
Total ...	1018	912*	254	198	373	87	.....
Tufangunj.							
„ Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B. L., Naib Ahilkar ...	259	293	81	74	122	16	52·26
Dinhata.							
Babu Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	22	19	11	2	6	...	48·61
„ Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	130	105	48	48	9	...	50·0
„ Uma Nath Dutt, B.L., Naib Ahilkar	171	114	65	17	11	21	79·26
„ Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L., Addl. Naib Ahilkar ...	302	325	71	104	111	39	40·57
Total ...	625	563	195	171	137	60	.....
Mathabhanga.							
Babu Rajani Kanta Bhoumik, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	298	231	172	49	4	6	77·82
Maulavi Bazley Rahaman Sarkar, B.L., Addl. Naib Ahilkar ..	123	104	36	14	51	3	72·0
Total ..	421	335	208	63	55	9	.....
Mekligunj.							
Babu Uma Nath Dutt, B.L., Naib Ahilkar	164	121	41	35	45	...	53·95
„ Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	176	102	20	9	25	48	68·96
Total ...	340	223	61	44	70	48	.....
Grand Total ...	2663	2326	799	550	757	220	59·22

15. The following table gives the result of commitment to the Court of Session :—

Names of committing Magistrates.	No. of cases.	No. of persons committed.	No. of persons convicted.	No. of persons released.	Otherwise disposed of.	Pending.	Percentage of conviction.
Sudder.							
Mr. S. Ghosh, Fouzdari Ahilkar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tufangunj.							
Babu Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, Naib Ahilkar ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dinhata.							
Babu Sarat Chandra Ghosal, Naib Ahilkar ...	1	4	4	...	...	...	...
„ Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, Naib Ahilkar	3	6	2	4	...	...	...
Mathabhanga.							
Babu Rajani Kanta Bhoumik, Naib Ahilkar ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
Mekligunj.							
Babu Umanath Dutt, Naib Ahilkar ...	3	6	2	4	...	...	...
„ Sarat Chandra Ghosal, Naib Ahilkar ...	1	3	...	...	...	3	...
Total ...	8(a)	19(b)	8	8	...	3*	...

(a) Including 3 cases of the last year.
(b) Including 9 persons of the last year.
* One is an approver.

16. The following table gives the longest, shortest and average period of detention of under-trial prisoners :—

Name of Officers.	Longest period of detention.		Shortest period of detention.	Average period of detention.
SUDDER.	M.	D.	D.	D.
Babu Pramatha Nath Chatterjee, M.A., B.L., Sessions Judge ...	2	13	27	52·54
Mr. S. Ghosh, B.A., Fouzdari Ahilkar	6	0	1	20·34
Rai Choudhuri Satis Chandra Mustafi, Naib Ahilkar ...	3	23	2	37·09*
Babu Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Sudder Sub-divisional Officer.	1	12	27	34·5*
TUFANGUNJ.				
Babu Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Naib Ahilkar	0	29	1	5·23
DINHATA.				
Babu Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	0	24	1	6·87
,, Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L., In-charge Naib Ahilkar ...	1	28	1	13·32
,, Umanath Dutt, B.L., Naib Ahilkar	2	17	1	10·29
,, Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar ..	0	19	1	9·75
MATHABHANGA.				
Babu Rajani Kanta Bhoumik, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	2	27	1	32·04
Maulavi Bazley Rahaman Sarkar, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	0	25	7	26·0
MEKLIGUNJ.				
Babu Umanath Dutt, B.L., Naib Ahilkar	5	14	1	24·46
,, Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	.....		.....	.....

* The high figure is due to cases having been transferred to the files of these Magistrates by the Fouzdari Ahilkar, after those cases had been adjourned for a few times in the Fouzdari Ahilkar's Court.

17. *Miscellaneous Proceedings under the Code of Criminal Procedure.*—The following statement gives the necessary information in regard to such cases :—

Nature of cases.	No. of cases, including pending from last year.	Dismissed.	Decreed.	Compromised.	Struck off.	Pending	Remarks.
Maintenance	29	7	4	5	9	4	
Right of way	68	22	15	13	2	16	
Security to keep the peace under Sections 106 and 107, C.P.C.	7	5	.....	2	.....	.....	
Security Under Secs. 109 and 110, C. P. C.	23	5	14	.....	.....	4	
Total ...	127	39	33	20	11	24	

18. *Compensation paid to the Complainants and the accused.*—Rupees 377 were paid to Complainants as compensation under section 545 of the Criminal Procedure Code in the different courts during the year under report as against Rs. 235 of the preceding year ; while the compensation to the accused under section 250 of the Criminal Procedure Code amounted to Rs. 15 against Rs. 33 awarded in the previous year.

19. *Unnatural deaths.*—There were 136 cases of unnatural deaths during the year against the same number of the preceding year. The details are given below :—

Names of Police Stations and Out post.	Suicide.	Drowning.	Snake bite.	Fall from building.	Other causes.	By wild animals.	Total.
Kotwali Police Station ...	6	15	4	.....	4	1	30
Tufangunj ,, ...	1	6	4	.....	1	2	14
Dinhata ,, ...	3	14	12	.....	3	3	35
Mathabhanga ,, ...	1	20	...	.....	4	3	28
Shitalkhuchi O. P. ...	1	2	2	.....	...	1	6
Mekligunj Police Station ...	..	11	3	.....	3	...	17
Haldibari ,, ...	...	2	...	.....	4	...	6
Total ...	12	70	25	.....	19	10	136

20. *Realisation of fines.*—The result of realisation of fines during the last 3 years is given in the following table :—

Years.	Balance of the previous year.	Imposed during the year.	Total amount to have been realised.	Realised during the year.	Remitted or written off.	Balance of the year.
1917-18 ...	1042	8596	9638	7575	565	1498
1918-19 ...	1498	5346	6844	5158	685	1026
1919-20 ...	1026	7953	8979	7648	572	759

21. *Stamps and Court fees.*—The following table shows the income from stamps and court fees in the various Criminal Courts in the State for the year 1919-20 as compared with that of the year previous :—

	Stamps.		Court-fees.		Total.	
	1918-19.	1919-20.	1918-19.	1919-20.	1918-19.	1919-20.
Sudder ...	1,809	1,666	721	864	2,030	2,530
Tufangunj ...	597	628	462	512	1,059	1,185
Dinhata ...	916	1,121	585	694	1,501	1,815
Mathabhanga ...	998	976	638	576	1,636	1,552
Mekligunj ...	539	537	261	378	800	915
Haldibari ...	1	3	...	2	1	5
Total ...	4,860	4,926	2,666	3,026	7,027	7,952

22. The following statement shews the number and detention of witnesses who appeared before the Criminal Courts in the State during the year under report :—

Names and designations of Magistrates.	Total number of witnesses who appeared during the year.	Number of witnesses examined.	Number of witnesses discharged without examination.	Number of witnesses not examined and not finally discharged.	Detention of witnesses entered in columns 3 and 4 for— One day.	Two days.	Three days.	Four days.	Five to seven days.	Eight to fifteen days.	More than fifteen days.
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
SUDDER.											
Mr. S. Ghosh, B.A., Fouzdari Ahilkar ...	695	648	28	19	579	70	22	5	...	...	...
Rai Chaudhuri Satis Chandra Mustafi, Treasury Officer.	817	655	156	6	597	156	43	5	10	...	...
Babu Sarat Chandra Ghosal, Sudder Sub-Divisional Officer.	158	129	29	...	148	10	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1,670	1,432	2 3	25	1,324	236	65	10	10	...	...
TUFANGUNJ.											
Babu Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, Naib Ahilkar	505	436	69	...	464	40	1	...	...	...	...
Total ...	505	436	69	...	464	40	1	...	...	...	..
DINHATA.											
Babu Sarat Chandra Ghosal, Naib Ahilkar...	85	79	6	...	85	...	..	...	...	...	...
„ Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, Naib Ahilkar.	379	249	130	..	379	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ Uma Nath Dutt, Naib Ahilkar ...	536	487	49	...	536	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, Naib Ahilkar	612	501	111	...	601	7	4	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1,612	1,316	296	...	1,601	7	4	...	...	...	..
MATHABHANGA.											
Babu Rajani Kanta Bhoumik, Naib Ahilkar	1,178	1,081	97	...	1,175	3	...	...	...	...	...
Maulavi Bazley Rahaman Sarkar, Additional Naib Ahilkar.	170	143	27	...	146	24	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1,348	1,224	124	...	1,3-1	27	...	...	.	...	...
MEKLIGUNJ.											
Babu Uma Nath Dutt, Naib Ahilkar ...	469	402	67	...	469	...	...	...	..	...	...
„ Sarat Chandra Ghosal, Naib Ahilkar	306	220	86	...	278	5	4	19	...	...	...
Total ...	775	622	153	...	747	5	4	19	...	...	...
HALDIBARI.											
Bench Magistrate's Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total ...	5,910	5,030	855	25	5,457	316	74	29	10	...	...

23. The following statement shews the miscellaneous work done by the different courts :—

Names of Courts.	No. of petitions received.	No. of processes of all kinds issued.	No. of reports heard.	No. of Robocaries received.	No. of bail bonds executed.	No. of recognizance bonds executed.	No. of Robocaries issued.
Sudder ...	2495	4605	123	309	77	256	171
Tufangunj ...	962	2358	147	19	76	85	15
Dinhata ...	2377	5411	137	45	190	416	51
Mathabhanga ...	1382	718	210	39	66	82	49
Mekligunj ...	1142	2301	126	25	83	168	21
Haldibari Bench ...	...	55	46	...	7	7	...
	8358	15448	789	437	499	1014	307

24. *Summary of cases for recovery of wives.*—There were 108 petitions for recovery of wives during the year against 89 of the previous year. These with the 4 cases pending from the preceding year made up a total of 112 cases. Of these, 50 cases were dismissed; in 43 cases the wives were made over to their husbands; and in 13 cases the wives denied marriage. Thus 6 cases remained pending at the close of the year.

25. *Chowkidari Department.*—The following table shews the number of Chowkidars, Panchayets, and Collecting Panchayets employed during the year under report together with the number of villages served by them :—

Name of Sub-division.	No. of Chowkidars.	No. of Panchayets.	No. of Collecting Panchayets.	No. of villages for which Panchayets worked.
Sudder	323	548	132	263
Tufangunj	215	263	75	126
Dinhata	377	549	59	310
Mathabhanga	450	359	67	267
Mekligunj	230	206	55	243
Total ...	1,595	1,925	388	1,209

The total number of Chowkidars was 1595 against the same number of the previous year.

26. The collecting Panchayets have not worked well as there were several complaints of non-payment of pay to the Chowkidars.

27. The maximum pay of a Chowkidar was Rs. 6 and the minimum Rs. 4-8-6.

28. The following statement shews the demand and realisation of the Chowkidari Fund for the year under report :—

TOTAL DEMAND—	Sudder.	Tufangunj.	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekligunj.	Total.
1. Total amount of annual fund deduction. ...	1256	858	1399	1750	948	6211
2. Balance of the previous year. ...	38	.....	120	.....	15	173
Total ...	1294	858	1519	1750	963	6384
3. Amount realized during the year. ...	992	603	1378	1750	949	5672
4. Amount remained unrealized on the 31st March. ...	302	255	141	.....	14	712
5. Amount of fine realized ...	82	23	291	518	195	1109
6. Amount of penalties realized. ...	23	8	7	.....	3	41
7. Miscellaneous receipts ...	220	18	111	504	22	875
8. Total of items 5, 7, 8 & 9	1317	652	1788	2771	1169	7697

29. The details of expenditure from the Chowkidari Fund for the year under report are given below :—

No.	Details of heads.	Sanctioned amount for the year.	Amount of expenditure for the year.
		Rs.	Rs.
1.	Contingencies	2,145	1,928
2.	Reward and gratuities &c....	1,500	433
3.	Irrecoverable portions of pay for Chowkidars ...	200	13
4.	Establishment charges for the five Sub-divisions ...	1,710	1,656
	Total ...	5,555	4,030

30. The total receipt was Rs. 7,697 against Rs. 7,829 of the year previous and the expenditure was Rs. 4,030 against Rs. 4,790 of the previous year. The net profit to the Fund for the year under report amounted to Rs. 3,667 against Rs. 3,069 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 628. The opening balance of the Fund was Rs. 12,456 of which, Rs. 11,714 were in the Treasury and the balance at the Chowkidari offices and Sub-Treasuries. The closing balance was Rs. 16,123, of which Rs. 15,538 were at the Treasury and the balance at the Chowkidari Offices and Sub-Treasuries.

31. *Cattle Pounds*:—The number of Cattle Pounds in the State was 109 against 108 of the previous year showing an increase of one new Pound established at Hudumdanga in the Mekligunj Sub-Division during the year under report.

32. The following statements show the receipt and expenditure of the Pound Fund for the year under report :—

RECEIPTS.

	Name of Sub-divisions.					
	Sudder.	Tufangunj.	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekligunj.	Total.
Number of Pounds ...	16	20	21	34	18	109
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount of Bid ...	20	112	120	105	61	418
Balance of the previous year..	2,429	1,823	1,310	2,837	3,334	11,733
Total ...	2,449	1,935	1,430	2,942	3,395	12,151
Amount of bid realised ...	2,430	1,935	951	2,529	3,395	11,240
Amount of bid unrealised	19	...	479	413	...	911
Sale proceeds of unclaimed and impounded cattles.	203	193	199	825	123	1,543
Miscellaneous receipts ...	13	10	...	7	10	40
Total ...	2,646	2,138	1,150	3,361	3,528	12,823

EXPENDITURE.

Head of service.	Budget estimate for 1919-20.	Expenditure.
	Rs.	Rs.
Contingencies	500	433
Reward for killing dogs	170	47
Establishment	300	300
Total ...	970	780
Aid to Cooch Behar Town Committee	3,600	3,600
Do. Dinhata do.	200	200
Do. Mathabhanga do.	1,000	1,000
Improvement of Sub-divisional Towns at Tufangunj	1,000	1,000
Do. do. at Mekligunj ...	500	500
Total ...	6,300	6,300
Grand Total ...	7,270	7,080

33. The gross receipt from the Pounds in the year under report was Rs. 13,944, of which Rs. 11,467 appertained to the settlement for 1919-20 and Rs. 2,477 to that for 1920-21. This sum of Rs. 11,467, if added to Rs. 1,356 which appertained to the settlement for 1919-20 but was realised and credited before 31st March 1919, gives the figure Rs. 12,823 *vide* statement in para 32. A sum of Rs. 911 remained unrealised on 31st March 1920, out of the dues from 1919-20.

34. The cost of maintenance and establishment together with the charges for reward paid for killing rabid and stray dogs was Rs. 780 against Rs. 591 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 189. This left a balance of Rs. 13,164. Of this sum, Rs. 6,300 were paid to the several Town Committees and Sub-Divisional towns in the State towards effecting improvements of the places and the towns concerned. The net increase of the Fund in the year was therefore Rs. 6,864.

35. The opening balance of the Pound Fund for the year was Rs. 32,056, of which Rs. 31,408 were at the Treasury and the balance at the Pound offices and Sub-Treasuries. The net increase to the Fund in the year was Rs. 6,864. The closing balance was Rs. 38,920, of which Rs. 38,398 were at the Treasury and the balance at the Pound Offices and Sub-Treasuries.

36. *Sale and free distribution of quinine tabloids.*—During the year under report the sale and free distribution of quinine tabloids were as noted below :—

	Sold.	Distributed.	Total.
Sudder	2	2	4
Tufangunj	...	...	...
Dinhata	15	1	16
Mathabhanga	3	...	3
Mekligunj	1	...	1
Total ...	21	3	24

37. The balance in hand at the close of the preceding year was 36 tubes at the Fouzdari Ahilkar's Office and 74 tubes at the Sub-Divisions, and with the Superintendent of Police and Inspector of Schools. No tube was received during the year for sale and distribution from the Civil Surgeon of the State. Of the 110 tubes, mentioned above, 24 tubes were sold and distributed, leaving a balance of 86 tubes at the close of the year under report. Out of these,

9 tubes are at the Fouzdari Ahilkar's office and the rest at the Sub-Divisions, and with the Superintendent of Police and Inspector of Schools.

38. The following statement shews the number of records received in the Record-room during the year under report:—

COURTS.		Records of regular cases.	Miscellaneous papers.	Total.
Sudder	...	347	2128	2475
Tufangunj	...	321	116	437
Dinhata	...	709	126	835
Mathabhanga	...	712	275	987
Mekligunj	...	502	53	555
Haldibari Bench	...	...	...	...*
Total	...	2591	2698	5289

* No records received during the year.

39. The following statement shews the number of records sorted for destruction and preservation during the year under report:—

COURTS.		Number of records of regular cases sorted for destruction and preservation.				Total No. of books & Registers destroyed.	Total No. of Miscellaneous papers & bundles destroyed.
		Total No. of records sorted.	Records to be destroyed wholly.	Records to be destroyed partly.	Records preserved wholly.		
Sudder	...	818	756	57	5	145	405
Tufangunj	...	356	305	22	29	52	6
Dinhata	..	639	598	26	15	73	12
Mathabhanga	...	614	548	35	31	48	18
Mekligunj	...	265	240	12	13	71	9
Haldibari Bench	...	47	47	...	..	7	...
Total	...	2739	2494*	152*	93	396	450

* Destroyed during the year.

Statement of Epidemics for 1919-20.

Names of Police Stations and Out Posts.		Remaining from the previous year	Number attacked.	Number died.	Number cured.	Remaining at the end of the year.
			Cholera.			
Tufangunj P. S.	...	.....	53	41	12	.....
Kotwali P. S.	...	.....	201	144	57	.....
Dinhata P. S.	...	.....	29	19	10	.....
Mathabhanga P. S.	...	.....	224	161	63	.....
Shitalkhuchi O. P.	...	.....	37	21	16	.....
Mekligunj P. S.	...	.....	53	38	15	.....
Haldibari P. S.	...	.....	301	245	56	.....
Total	...	.....	898	669	229	.....
			Small-pox.			
Tufangunj P. S.	...	.....	27	5	20	2
Kotwali P. S.	...	.....	86	22	62	2
Dinhata P. S.	...	.....	141	12	129	.....
Mathabhanga P. S.	...	.....	28	4	24	.....
Shitalkhuchi O. P.	...	.....	4	1	3	.....
Mekligunj P. S.	...	.....	157	34	123	.....
Haldibari P. S.	...	5	70	11	62	2
Total	...	5	513	89	423	6
			Cattle disease.			
Tufangunj P. S.	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kotwali P. S.	...	.....	4	4	.....	.....
Dinhata P. S.	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mathabhanga P. S.	...	.....	71	49	22	.....
Shitalkhuchi O. P.	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mekligunj P. S.	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Haldibari P. S.	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	...	.....	75	53	22	.....

40. *Rain-fall.*—The total rain-fall recorded in the town of Cooch Behar during the year under report was 129·70 against 119·19 of the previous year. The year under report was one of unseasonable rains. The fall was heavy in June and July and facilitated the growth of Bitri plants and the transplantation of Haimanti seedlings in low lands. Scarcity of rain in August seriously damaged the Bitri crop as also the growing of Haimanti plants. There was rain in September, but it was then too late and the result was that large tracts of comparatively high lands could not be utilised for growing Haimanti paddy. It also proved detrimental to the tobacco crop by the destruction of the seedlings and the cultivators had to rear a second crop of tobacco seedlings which delayed much the cultivation of this important crop. Light showers in February benefited the growing tobacco, which would otherwise have been almost a failure. In many taluks the people could not steep their jute for want of sufficient water.

41. *Crops and condition of people.*—The following table shews the outturn of Haimanti and Bitri paddy in the different Sub-Divisions of the State :—

			Haimanti.	Bitri.
Sudder	...	...	10 ans.	8 ans.
Tufangunj	...	...	8 „	12 „
Mathabhanga	...	...	9 „	11 „
Mekligunj	...	...	12 „	10 „
Dinhata	...	...	13 „	12 „

42. The unseasonable rains having caused a partial failure of the Bitri paddy crop and the previous Haimanti harvest not having been particularly good, there was a shortage of food-stuffs among the ryots. From September there was, in consequence, a heavy run on the paddy in the godowns of the local tradesmen, particularly at Sudder, Mathabhanga and Dinhata, but the salutary orders prohibiting the export of rice and paddy from the State saved the situation, and the needs of the people could be met by the controlled sale of rice and paddy from the accumulated stores of the trades-people. The prices of rice and paddy in the neighbouring Government districts ranged very high and though there was this great difference in prices, every precaution against export having been taken, the prices of paddy and rice in the State were kept at a considerably lower level.

43. The area of land under jute cultivation during the year under report was 39190·30 acres against 29814·36 of the preceding year. The plants grew well but considerable difficulty was experienced in steeping and washing for the want of water due to shortage of rains. The outturn was not altogether bad. The price of jute rose high when it first came in the market but its sudden drop caused much distress to the cultivators.

44. As in the year previous the prices of other food-stuffs and common necessaries of life including wearing apparel continued high and in some cases went still higher. The condition of the cultivators was bad, as the prices of most of the crops grown kept comparatively low. The cultivators in mustardseed-growing areas alone, obtained some benefit from the extraordinary rise in the price of this crop.

45. *Public health.*—The year under review was comparatively a healthy one. Sporadic cases of small-pox and cholera were reported now and then from the interior but prompt and vigilant steps were adopted to arrest their further progress, and in some places the diseases were nipped in the bud immediately after their appearance. The recrudesence of Influenza was of a very mild type.

46. *Tour of Officers.*—During the year under report the Fouzdari Ahilkar, Mr. S. Ghosh. was out on tour for 43 days and spent 22 nights on tour. He inspected all the Sub-Divisions in the State during the year under report. The inspection reports have already been submitted separately.

47. The following statement shews the number of days and nights spent on tour by the Sub-Divisional Naib Ahilkars:—

	No. of days.	No. of nights.	Remarks.
Tufangunj.			
Babu Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	65	12	
Dinhata.			
Babu Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Offg. Naib Ahilkar.	1	.....	
Babu Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	8	2	
,, Uma Nath Dutt, B.L., Offg. Naib Ahilkar ...	27	17	
,, Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	82	22	
Mathabhanga.			
Babu Rajani Kanta Bhoumik, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	41	17	
Maulavi Bazley Rahaman Sarkar, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	33	15	
Mekligunj.			
Babu Umanath Dutt, B.L., Naib Ahilkar. ...			
,, Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar	69	19	

48. *Cattle disease.*—No cattle disease in epidemic form broke out during the year under review and there was no scarcity of fodder and water.

49. *Conduct of Police*—

Sudder.—There were 7 cases against the Police during the year against the same number of the preceding year. Of these 7 cases, there were 3 cases against Sub-Inspector Durga Prosad Dutt and the rest against Constables: of which, one resulted in conviction and one in acquittal; 2 cases were dismissed under section 203 Criminal Procedure Code after judicial enquiry and 3 remained pending at the close of the year.

Tufangunj.—There were no cases against the Police during the year under review as well as in the preceding year.

Dinhata.—There were altogether 3 cases against the Police, against the same number of the year previous. One case under section 384 Indian Penal Code was against Sub-Inspector Jatindra Mohan Roy and Literate Constable Gopal Chandra Dutt. It was dismissed under section 203 Criminal Procedure Code. The other 2 cases, one under section 223 Indian Penal Code and the other under section 379 Indian Penal Code were against the constables. The former case resulted in conviction and the latter in acquittal.

Mathabhanga.—There were no cases against the Police during the year against 3 of the preceding year.

Mekligunj.—One Constable of the Jail guard was convicted during the year for neglect of duty against no case of the previous year.

50. *Character of Officers.*—There is nothing particular to report under this head, excepting that the work of the office is improving.

II.—POLICE.

51. *Charge.*—Mr. B. N. Banerjee, M.A., B.L., was in charge of the Department throughout the year.

52. *Cost.*—The budget provision for the year was Rs. 71,669 against Rs. 70,103, while the expenditure was Rs. 70,752 against Rs. 68,827 of the previous year. The cost of the Force employed purely on Police work,—prevention and detection of crime,—may approximately be put down at Rs, 25,700 or 8·35 pies per head of population during the year against Rs. 25,600 or 8·28 pies per head in the previous year. The number of Police so employed was 138 against the same number in the previous year.

53. *Cognizable cases.*—The cognizable crime report Statement A (Parts I and II) has been submitted along with the Fouzdari Ahilkar's report.

The number of cognizable cases (taken up *Suo motu*) by the Police during the year was 835 against 917 of the previous year. With the 70 cases pending at the commencement of the year and one of the previous year, there were 906 cases to be dealt with. Of these, 332 cases were sent up for trial, 384 true cases remained undetected, 27 cases were found to be intentionally false and 32 cases were false owing to mistake of law or fact, or were declared non-cognizable. The Police refused investigation in 71 cases; 60 cases remained pending at the end of the year either with the Police or with the Magistrate. The percentage of charge sheets in true cases was 42·18 against 50·13 of the previous year. The percentage of cases convicted to cases sent up for trial was 81·32 against 89·51 of the previous year.

54. *The proportion of Police to population and crime.*—The following table shews the proportion of Police on purely Police work (Prevention and detection of crime) to population and that of cognizable cases investigated to population in the State during the last two years:—

Year.	Police.	Population.	Cognizable cases.	Proportion of Police to population.	Proportion of Police to cases of cognizable crime investigated.	Proportion of cognizable crime investigated to population.
1918-19	138	5,93,052	816	1 to 4297·47	1 to 5·91	1 to 726·77
1919-20	138	5,93,052	841	1 to 4297·47	1 to 6·09	1 to 705·17

55. *Proportion of cognizable crime to population.*—The following table shews the proportion of cognizable crime to population and area in the five sub-divisions in the State:—

Details.		Names of Sub-divisions.					
		Sudder.	Tufangunj.	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekligunj.	Total.
Area in square-miles ...		284	223	269	334	197	1,307
Population		1,30,602	80,147	1,48,529	1,42,704	91,070	5,93,052
Cognizable Crime.	Pending at the beginning of the year.	34+1	9	10	6	11	70+1
	Reported during the year.	274	83	189	137	152	835
	Disposed of during the year.	285	83	188	137	153	846
	Pending at the end of the year.	24	9	11	5	10	60
Proportion of cognizable crime reported to population.		1 to 476·61	1 to 965·62	1 to 785·85	1 to 1041·63	1 to 599·14	1 to 710·24
Proportion of cognizable crime to area.		1 to 1·04	1 to 2·68	1 to 1·42	1 to 2·43	1 to 1·29	1 to 1·68

One of the undetected cases of Sudder of previous year was detected in the year under report. It has been included in the column of cases pending at the beginning of the year.

56. *False cases.*—The number of cases in which final report forms were used by the Police during the year under report was 841. Of these 88 or 10·46 per cent were declared intentionally false or false owing to mistake of law, fact or otherwise. Eight prosecutions for bringing false cases were instituted as against 3 of the preceding year and there were two pending from that year. Of these, two ended in conviction, five in acquittal and three remained pending.

57. *Cases not enquired into.*—A comparative statement is given below shewing the number of cases reported during the year and those of the previous year as also cases not investigated under section 157(*b*) of Criminal Procedure Code in those two years together with the percentage of cases refused investigation to those reported during those two years :—

	Years.	
	1918-19	1919-20.
Number of cases	917	833
Not enquired into	90	71
Percentage	9·81	8·50

58. *Petition cases.*—Petition cases referred to the Police by the Magistrates for investigation were disposed of as follows :—

Details.	No. of cases.
Sent up in charge sheets	28
True (undetected)	9
Non-cognizable	2
False	27
Summary	88
Pending	10
Total ...	164

59. *Property stolen and recovered.*—The statement below shews the amount of property stolen and recovered during the last two years :—

		Years.	
		1918-19. Rs.	1919-20. Rs.
Amount of Property	Stolen	38,030	30,834
	Recovered	3,619	7,700
	Percentage of recovery ...	9·51	24·97

60. *Percentage of conviction.*—The following table shews the result of trial of persons in cognizable cases taken up by the Police as well as those taken up by the Magistrates direct (*Vide* A II) :—

	Years.	
	1918-19.	1919-20.
Total number of persons	1,126	1,302
Acquitted or discharged	296	494
Convicted	560	538
Otherwise disposed of	95	94
Pending trial	175	175
Percentage of conviction	65·42	52·13*

* One died in Hajat.

61. *Remands in Police cases.*—The statement below shews the cases which have undergone the longest hearing with the names of the trying Magistrates :—

Names of trying Magistrates.	No. of remands.	No. of cases with sections.	DATE OF Charge sheet.	DATE OF Final order.	Duration of trial.	Order.	REMARKS.
Rai Choudhuri Satis Chandra Mustafi Naib Ahilkar.	11	11 of October 1918 Sec. 324 I.P.C. P.S. Kotwali.	26-11-18	20-6-19	6 months and 25 days.	Conviction	
S. Ghosh, Esq., B.A. Fouzdari Ahilkar	11	6 of Dec. 1918 Sec. 324 I.P.C. P.S. Kotwali	3-2-19	27-5-19	3 months and 24 days	Do.	
Ditto	20	1 of Jan. 1919 Secs. 457,447, I.P.C. PS. Kotwali.	17-.-19	5-6-19	4 months and 22 days.	Acquittal.	
Ditto	16	12 of Feb. 1919 Secs. 457 I.P.C. P.S. Kotwali.	19-2-19	23-4-19	2 months & 3 days.	Conviction	
Rai Choudhuri Satis Ch. Mustafi Naib Ahilkar.	10	18 of August 1910 Sec. 456 I.P.C. P. S. Kotwali.	15-9-19	23-1-20	4 months & 9 days.	Do.	
S. Ghosh Esq., B.A., Fouzdari Ahilkar	18	10 of Oct. 1919 Sec. 429 I.P.C. P. S. Kotwali.	21-11-19	1-3-20	3 months & 12 days.	Do.	
Rai Choudhuri Satis Ch. Mustafi Naib Ahilkar.	14	14 of October 1919 Sec. 457 & 380 I.P.C. P. S. Kotwali.	5-12-19	25-3-20	3 months & 22 days.	Do.	
Babu Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	10	7 of June 1919 Sec. 448 & 354 I.P.C P.S. Tufangunj	16-6-19	16-8-19	60 days	Acquittal	
Babu Nirmal Ch. Mustafi, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	7	6 of April 1919 Secs. 143 & 379 I.P.C. P.S. Dinhata.	13-4-19	10-7-19	2 months & 27 days.	Do.	
Babu Umanath Dutt, B.L. ..	7	8 of July 1919 Secs. 457, 380 411 I.P.C. P.S. Dinhata.	8-9-19	1-12-19	2 months & 22 days.	Conviction.	
Ditto	7	4 of January 1920 Sec. 325 I.P.C. P.S. Dinhata.	10-1-20	31-3-20	2 months & 9 days	Acquittal.	
Babu Narasinha Ch. Ghosh, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	9	3 of June 1919 Sec. 380 I.P.C. P.S. Dinhata.	14-6-19	22-8-19	2 months & 5 days	Conviction.	
Babu Umanath Dutt, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	10	1 of January 1920 Sec. 411 I.P.C. P.S Dinhata.	2-1-20	31-3-20	2 months. & 28 days	Do.	
Ditto	12	11 of June 1919 Sec. 325 I.P.C. P.S. Dinhata.	18-7-19	5-1-20	5 months. & 21 days	Acquittal.	
Babu Rajani Kanta Bhoumik, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	9	8 of Feb. 1919 Secs. 363 & 147 I.P.C. P.S. Mathabhanga	19-3-19	19-5-19	2 months.	Conviction.	
Ditto	6	2 of March 1919 Secs. 354, 342 & 109 I.P.C. P.S. Mathabhanga.	10-3-19	20-5-19	2 months & 10 days.	Acquittal.	
Ditto	16	5 of April 1919 Sec. 342 I.P.C. Mathabhanga.	18-7-19	22-12-19	5 months.	Do.	
Ditto	9	6 of June 1919 Sec. 147 & 364 I. P. C. O. P. S. Sitalkhuchi.	17-7-19	28-11-19	4 months & 10 days.	Conviction.	
Ditto	17	11 of June 1919 Sec. 363 P. S. Mathabhanga.	14-10-19	12-1-20	3 months.	Acquittal.	
Ditto	9	8 to 10 of Oct. 1919 Sec. 420 I.P.C. P. S. Mathabhanga.	22-11-19	5-1-20	2 months & 15 days	Conviction.	
Babu Umanath Dutt, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	9	5 of Sept. 1918 Sec. 363 & 379 I.P.C. P.S. Mekligunj.	18-10-18	1-4-19	5 months & 14 days	Acquittal.	
Ditto	12	8 of Oct. 1918 Sec. 447, 342 & 448 I.P.C. P.S. Haldibari.	1-12-18	6-5-19	4 months & 6 days	Do.	
Ditto	11	7 of March 1919 Sec. 353 I.P.C. P.S. Mekligunj.	30-4-19	5-8-19	3 months & 4 days	Conviction.	
Ditto	11	8 of March 1919 Sec. 147 I.P.C. P.S. Mekligunj.	30-4-19	5-8-19	Ditto.	Do.	
Ditto	12	1 of April 1919 Sec. 147 I.P.C. P.S. Haldibari.	40-4-19	6-8-19	3 months & 5 days	Do.	
Ditto	9	6 of June 1919 Sec. 429 I.P.C. P.S. Haldibari.	28-6-19	28-10-19	5 months & 2 days	Do.	
Babu Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	6	4 of Jan. 1920 Sec. 457 & 380 I.P.C. P.S. Haldibari.	20-1-20	29-3-20	2 months & 8 days	Acquittal.	

62. *Conviction.*—Below is a statement of percentage of conviction in cases and persons in Police *Suo motu* cases for the last two years :—

Names of Sub-divisions.	1918-19. Cases.	1918-19. Persons.	1919-20 Cases.	1919-20 Persons.
1. Sudder ...	40·37	85·61	45·64	76·47
2. Tufangunj ...	18·57	59·09	12·82	61·90
3. Dinhata ...	48·12	86·04	47·74	78·05
4. Mathabhanga ...	40·00	78·21	27·67	88·46
5. Mekligunj ...	43·13	85·85	34·61	80·55
For the whole State...	40·02	83·06	37·70	78·94

Five cases were committed to the Court of Sessions during the year under report and there were 3 cases pending from the previous year. Of these 8 cases, 6 ended in conviction and 2 in acquittal.

63. *Vagrancy and bad character.*—Seventeen cases were instituted as against 17 of the preceding year. 40 persons were sent up during the year under report and there were 9 pending from the previous year. Of these 49 persons, 39 were convicted, 7 acquitted and 3 remained pending.

64. *Arms Act.*—One hundred and sixty-two Licenses were issued during the year against 175 in the previous year.

There was no case under the Arms Act.

65. *Investigation of cases by Police.*—The following is an analysis of the investigations made by Police Officers :—

By Superintendent of Police	
„ Inspectors	2
„ Sub-Inspectors	773
„ Head Constables	66
Total ...	841

The investigations made by Head Constables were all in unavoidable circumstances.

66. *Absconders.*—Seven persons, against 4 of the previous year, absconded during the year under report. 4 were arrested, of whom 2 were tried and convicted, while 2 remained pending trial.

67. *Unnatural deaths.*—One hundred and thirty-six cases of unnatural death were reported during the year against the same number of the preceding year. Details are given below :—

	Years. 1918-19	1919-20
Suicide	12	12
Drowning	67	70
Snake bite	25	25
Fall from building	...	...
By wild animals	11	10
Other causes	21	19
Total ...	136	136

68. *Judicial fine.*—The following table shews the work in connection with the realization of judicial fines :—

	1918-19. Rs.	1919-20. Rs.
Balance at the beginning of the year ...	1,498	1,026
Imposed during the year	5,346	7,953
Total amount to be realized	6,844	8,979
Remitted or written off	685	72
Realized during the year	5,133	7,648
Balance at the end of the year ...	1,026	759

69. *Reward and punishment.*—The following table shews the rewards and punishments in the Force during the last two years :—

Rank.	Rewards.				Punishments.									
					Judicially.				Departmentally.					
	1918-1919.		1919-1920.		1918-1919.		1919-1920.		1918-1919.			1919-1920.		
									Fine.			Fine.		
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Indian Penal Code.	Cooch Behar Police Act.	Indian Penal Code.	Cooch Behar Police Act.	Number.	Amount.	Dismissed.	Number.	Amount.	Dismissed.
		Rs.		Rs.						Rs.			Rs.	
Inspectors	1	60	1	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sub-Inspectors	3	100	1	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Head-constables	2	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Constables	11	86	10	81	2	7	1*	2*	5	12	14	2	8	12

* With fine.

Three Constables were dismissed for having been judicially punished and one Head Constable and 9 Constables for misconduct and breach of discipline.

70. *Escort.*—Treasure amounting to Rs. 15,25,200 belonging to both the State and Government as against Rs. 11,40,571 of the previous year was escorted by the State Police. The number of persons escorted during the year was 1955 as against 2144 of the preceding year.

71. *Drill and Target practice.*—Twenty Constables were put through Target practice. Constable Manindra Nath Laskar proved to be the best shot and secured the district prize of Rs. 10.

72. *Retirement.*—One Inspector, one Head Constable and 3 Constables retired during the year.

73. *Good Conduct stripes.*—The year closed with 138 persons in possession of good conduct stripes against 129 of the previous year.

74. *Mortality and health of the Force.*—There were 5 deaths during the year against 7 of the previous year. The daily average of sick in Hospital was 2·60 against 2·72 of the previous year.

75. *Fire.*—The Reserve Sub-Inspector was in charge of the Fire Brigade. Six cases of fire against 15 of the preceding year broke out in the town, none causing any serious loss to property.

76. *Town Police.*—The Cooch Behar Town Police consisted of 2 Jamadars and 28 Chowkidars and Dinhata, Haldibari and Mathabhanga Towns had 6, 7, and 6 Chowkidars respectively during the year.

77. *Street lighting.*—The Cooch Behar, Dinhata, Haldibari and Mathabhanga Town Committees had 131. 36, 34, and 42 Street lamps respectively and the respective costs were Rs. 2,155, Rs. 678, Rs. 541 and Rs. 487.

78. *Public health.*—The total number of deaths from Cholera was 669 against 996 of the previous year. The outbreak was all over the State ; the number of cases being the highest in Haldibari and the lowest in Dinhata. The number of deaths from small-pox was 89 againt 56 of the previous year.

79. *Rural Police.*—The following table shews the number of Village Chowkidars rewarded during the year :—

		YEARS.	
		1918-19.	1919-20.
Case work ...	Number	10	10
	Amount	Rs. 69	Rs. 49
Good service.	Number	705	1
	Amount	Rs. 1,060-12	Rs. 4

80 Rupees 380 was paid to 15 old and invalid Chowkidars as gratuity.

81. A statement of inspection is herewith enclosed.

82. *Finger print.*—Fifty-six Finger impressions of under-trial prisoners and suspects were taken and sent to the different Bureaux. In 4 cases, identity was established. Ninety finger prints of ex-convicts were sent for permanent record in the central Bureau.

83. *Emigration and immigration.*—One hundred and twenty-nine persons emigrated from and 329 persons immigrated into the State against 146 and 177 persons respectively in the preceding year.

84. *Miscellaneous duties.*—As in the previous year the Police had to perform certain miscellaneous duties other than their legitimate ones.

85. *Training of cadets.*—Two cadets, Jitendra Chandra Sen and Panchanan Ganguli, who had been deputed to the Sardah Police Training College in January 1919, passed successfully during the year under report. One cadet, Kshitindra Mohan Mitra, was sent to that College for training in January 1920.

86. *Remarks on the working of the subordinates.*—Inspector Priya Kanta Chakrabarty and Sub-Inspectors Mahamed Jaynulla, Jatindra Mohan Roy, Devendra Nath Bhattacharya and Manimohan Ganguli worked well. Head Clerk Behari Lal Sarkar continued to do good work as before. Head Moharir Jamini Kanta Ghosh and 2nd Clerk, Ramesh Chandra Das Gupta, also worked well during the year.

III.—JAIL AND LOCK-UPS.

87. *Charge*—Mr. S. Ghosh, B. A., held executive charge of the Jail throughout the year.

88. *Jail Buildings.*—The buildings of the Jail which are not under the Public Works Department were repaired and put in order throughout the year. The wards are defective and insecure having thatched roofs and bamboo palisades all round.

The Public Works Department did petty repairs to the Jail and replaced the sweepers' door on the eastern wall of the Jail with a new iron-grated door plaited with sheet iron.

89. *Jail population.*—The year opened with a population of 141 men. During the year, 324 were admitted, and 338 discharged. The number remained at the close of the year was 127.

The daily average number was 137·02 against 120·13 in the previous year, and the highest number on a day was 150 as compared with 190 in 1918-19.

90. *Convicts.*—The number of convicts at the beginning of the year was 126. 163 were admitted during the year, of whom 67 were from the local courts, 2 from British Jails, and 94 from the Subsidiary Jails of the State. The number discharged during the year was 170, consisting of 138 on expiry of sentence, 4 on payment of fine, 8 on appeal, 2 on bail, 5 on remission of sentence under the Mark rules, 1 on account of sickness; 2 escaped, and 2 died during the year and 8 were transferred to the British Jails The number which remained at the end of the year was 119. The daily average population was 121·90 as compared with 110·21 in the previous year.

Sixty-six convicts were granted remissions of sentences on the Peace Celebration day (19th July, 1919).

91. *Reconviction.*—The number of reconvicted prisoners admitted during the year was 6 as compared with 5 in 1918-19.

92. *Religion of convicts.*—The following statement shows the religion of convicts admitted during the year and the percentages as compared with the figures of the 2 previous years:—

Description		1917-18.	1918-19.	1919-20.
Admissions.—	Hindus	122	126	77
	Mahomedans	147	90	73
	Other Denominations	1	10	13
Percentages.—	Hindus	45·18	55·75	47·24
	Mahomedans	54·40	39·82	44·76
	Other denominations	·37	4·42	8·00
Admissions.—	Natives of the State	234	173	105
	Foreigners	36	53	58
Percentages.—	Natives of the State	86·60	76·54	64·41
	Foreigners	13·30	23·45	35·59
Admissions.—	Juvenile	2	1	1
	Female	4	3	3
Percentages.—	Juvenile	·74	·44	·61
	Female	1·48	1·32	1·84

93. *Length of sentences.*—The following statement shows the length of sentences passed by the local courts on convicts admitted into the Jail during the year:—

Description.	1918-19.		1919-20.	
	Admission.	Percentage.	Admission.	Percentage.
Not exceeding 1 month	13	18·05	22	32·83
Above one month but not exceeding 3 months.	9	12·50	15	22·38
Above 3 months but not exceeding 6 months	18	25·00	12	17·91
Above 6 months but not exceeding 1 year	21	29·16	9	13·50
Above one year but not exceeding 2 years	4	5·56	7	10·40
Above 2 years but not exceeding 5 years	3	4·17	2	2·98
Above 5 years but not exceeding 10 years.	4	5·56	...	.....
Above 10 years	.....		...	.....
Transportation for a term	.....		...	.....
Transportation for life	.....		...	.....

94. *Female convicts.*—Three female convicts were admitted from the local courts during the year against 2 in 1918-19. The daily average number was 2·78 as compared with 1·25 in the previous year. Only one female convict remained at the end of the year.

95. *Juvenile offenders.*—One juvenile convict under the age of 16 years was admitted during the year as compared with the same figure in 1918-19.

96. *Offences and punishment to convicts.*—The following table shows the offences committed by, and the punishment awarded to, the convicts during the year as compared with the figures of the previous year:—

	1918-19.	1919-20.
Offences relating to work	91	56
" " to prohibited articles	54	36
" " to assault &c.	5	3
" " to other breaches of Jail discipline ...	53	72
Total ...	203	167
Corporal punishment	12	4
Forfeiture of marks	9	14
Degradation from higher to lower rank	7	11
Hand-cuffing to staple	6	4
Night hand-cuffs	...	16
Bar fetters	1	...
Cross bar fetters	3	4
Penal diet	32	24
Hard labour	20	13
Gunny suit	4	5
Solitary cell	1	1
Warnings	108	71
Total ...	203	167

Whipping was inflicted in 4 cases only. The number of strokes given was:—

10 stripes each to 2 prisoners.

15 " " 2 do.

97. *Mark System.*—Five prisoners were released during the year on remission of sentence under the Mark System, against 9 in the previous year. The amount of remission, granted in each case, is given below with particulars of sentences and crimes:—

Serial No.	Register No.	Names of prisoners.	Crime.	Date of sentence.	Period of sentence. Y. M. D.	Date of Release.	Amount of remission granted. Y. M. D.
1.	2613	Dhanraj Malla ...	379 I.P.C.	18-7-17	2 0 0	10-5-19	0 2 7
2.	2561	Chan Mamud Nasya ...	304, 149 I.P.C.	2-4-17	3 0 0	8-11-19	0 4 3
3.	2229*	Pishu Musalmani ...	302, 309 I.P.C.	27-5-15	5 0 0	5-1-20	0 5 0
4.	2326*	Sudhu Malla ...	457, 380 I.P.C.	11-10-15	5 0 0	28-2-20	0 6 11
5.	2838	Kaloo Dome ...	457, 380 I.P.C.	4-5-18	2 0 0	10-3-20	0 1 24

* No. 2229 and 2326 had earned also "Peace Celebration" remission of 21 days, and 1 month, respectively.

98. *Transportation Prisoners.*—No prisoners were deported to the Andamans during the year. A sum of Rs. 1,065-3-2 was paid to the British Government for the maintenance of life convicts now detained in the Settlement.

The number detained in the Andamans cannot be given as no statement was received this year.

99. *Under-trial prisoners.*—The number of under-trial prisoners at the beginning of the year was 15. The total admission was 183, of which 123 were from local courts and 60 from Subsidiary Jails. The number discharged was 191 consisting of 52 convicted, 34 acquitted, 48 released on bail, 56 transferred to the Subsidiary Jails and to British Jails, and 1 subsequently treated as a lunatic. Only 7 men remained at the end of the year.

The above statistics include the under-trial prisoners of the Dinhata Sub-jail which was under construction during the year. For safe custody, under-trial prisoners were sometimes received from the Tufangunj and Mathabhanga Sub-jails for temporary detention.

100. *Detention of under-trial prisoners.*—Under-trial prisoners were detained in the Jail for an average of 30·28 days as compared with 24·14 in the previous year. The maximum and minimum periods of detention of Sessions and Magistrates' cases are given below :—

	1918-19.		1919-20.	
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Maximum.	Minimum.
Sessions cases	69	6	73	27
Magistrates' cases ...	104	1	180	1

The average period of detention of under-trial prisoners in the different courts of the Sudder Station is given underneath :—

(*a*) Sessions Court ... ... 52·54
(*b*) Fouzdari Ahilkar ... ... 20·34
(*c*) Sudder Naib Ahilkar ... ... 37·09

Out of the 123 under-trials admitted from the local courts during the year, 10 were re-admitted. Out of 113 (the actual admission), 69 were Natives of the State (36 Hindus and 33 Muhammedans) and 44 Foreigners (34 Hindus and 10 Muhammedans), as compared with 77 men who were Natives of the State *viz.*, 51 Hindus and 26 Muhammedans and 19 Foreigners (14 Hindus and 5 Muhammedans.)

The percentages of convictions and releases amongst the under-trial prisoners are given in the undermentioned statement as compared with the figures of the previous 2 years :—

Description.	1917-18.	1918-19.	1919-20.
Number of under-trial prisoners whose cases were tried and disposed of	125	96	104
Number of under-trial prisoners convicted ...	95	48	52
Number of under-trial prisoners released ...	30	48	52
Percentage of conviction	76·00	50·00	50·00
Percentage of release	24.00	50·00	50.00

In 9 cases, prisoners arrested under the Extradition Act, were sent to the British Court for trial.

101. *Civil prisoners.*—There was none in the Jail at the beginning of the year. Only one was admitted by the end of April and was released on 1st June 1919. The daily average number was ·09 against ·46 in 1918-19.

102. *Lunatics.*—There was only one at the beginning of the year. Four were admitted, two were made over to their relatives, 1 was transferred to the Lunatic Asylum at Berhampur where he subsequently died, two remained at the end of the year.

For the maintenance of lunatics the expenditure was Rs. 313 including charges paid to Berhampur Lunatic Asylum.

There is in the Jail one criminal lunatic admitted during the year and detained under orders of the Hon'ble State Council.

103. *Employment of prisoners.*—The daily average number of convict officers employed was 13·69. They were utilized for keeping watch over the ordinary prisoners, carrying stores and messages in the town, and assisting paid Warders when working extramurally. They were punished in 9 cases against 10 in the last year.

On the whole they worked fairly well.

The following industries were undertaken during the year :—

1. Oil pressing.
2. Crushed food.
3. Gunny weaving.
4. Ærated water making.
5. Gardening.
6. Cane work.
7. Wheat grinding.
8. Dhân husking.
9. Dâl grinding.
10. Blanket weaving.

They also worked on Jail buildings (for repairs) and in ordinary Jail duties. They were also hired out for State works and private persons.

The following table shows the daily average number of labouring convicts employed in different kinds of works during the year:—

1.	Jail servants including Convict Warders and others employed for Jail purposes	34·68
2.	Repairs to Jail	12·5
3.	The Palace and its garden	4·0
4.	Working for hire	9·88
5.	Jail garden	12·11
6.	Jail manufactures	39·53

104. *Earnings.*—The following table shows the working of manufactory industries carried on during the year:—

	Rs.	As.	P.
DEBITS.—			
Cash in hand at the beginning of the year	9	6	0
Value of manufactured articles in hand at the beginning of the year	1,827	4	0
Value of raw materials	5,907	9	6
Amount of outstanding bills due by the Jail at the end of the year under report	634	3	0
Amount of outstanding bills due to the Jail at the beginning of the year	2,736	2	0
Value of plant and machinery in hand at the beginning of the year	1,318	3	0
Amount drawn from Treasury during the year ...	25,998	7	0
Total Debits	38,431	2	6
CREDITS.—			
Cash in hand at the end of 1919-20	11	4	6
Value of manufactured articles in hand at the end of 1919-20	1,193	4	0
Amount of outstanding bills due by the Jail at the end of the previous year	5,802	3	9
Amount of outstanding bills due to the Jail at the end of 1912-20	3,488	15	6
Value of plant and machinery at the end of 1919-20 ...	1,064	5	6
Amount paid into the Treasury during the year ...	35,010	12	0
Value of raw materials at the end of the year... ...	832	11	6
Total Credits	47,403	8	9
Difference or profit ...	8,972	6	3
Average earning per head of those sentenced to labour...	73	3	0
Do. employed on manufacture (including garden) and extra-mural labour ...	145	13	0

The profit during the year has increased to Rs. 8,972-6-3 against Rs. 6,420-5-9 in the previous year. The closing value of stores both for Raw materials and manufactured articles has been much reduced, *viz*:—

For Raw materials Rs. 832 from Rs. 5907.

For Manufactured stores Rs. 1,193 from Rs. 1,827.

The outstanding bills due to the Jail at the end of the year was Rs. 3,489 as compared with Rs. 2,736 in the previous year.

105. The amount remitted into the Treasury was Rs. 35,010-12 against Rs. 25,998-7 drawn from it in the year under review.

106. The principal industries of the Jail are;—

(1.) Crushed food for horses.
(2.) Mustard seed pressing.
(3.) Dhân husking.
(4.) Dâl grinding.
(5.) Ærated waters.

107. *The results of working of the above-named industries are detailed below:—*

(a) Crushed food.—The profit derived from this industry amounts to Rs. 1,786-13-9 as compared with Rs. 2,329 in the previous year.

The figures for the previous year should have been Rs. 904 as the store in hand at the close of that year was Rs. 1,425 in excess of actuals due to a mistake in addition.

During the year materials worth about Rs. 13,533 were purchased and after having crushed them at the Jail the mixture was disposed of at a total value of Rs. 15,252. The average monthly quantity disposed of was about 171 maunds mostly consumed by the Tea Planters in the Duars.

The average earnings per prisoner under this head was Rs. 1-0-10.

(*b*) *Mustard oil.*—There are 4 country wooden mills. Three were used and the other was kept for emergency. The total quantity of cleaned seeds pressed in the mills was 429 maunds which yielded 137 maunds of oil and 286 maunds oilcake. Both of them found ready sale amongst the public. The amount spent on raw materials was Rs. 3,802; but the prices of oil and oilcake derived from it, amounted to Rs. 5,974. The profit from this industry was Rs. 2,155-9 as compared with Rs. 992 in the previous year.

The earning per prisoner was Rs. 1-0-8.

(*c*) *Dhân husking.*—Encouraged by the success of this industry in the last year, done experimentally, 2000 maunds of paddy were purchased during the year to the total value of Rs. 5,063. The entire quantity, after being boiled, was husked in Dhenkis at the Jail. The amount of rice turned out from it was 1308 maunds. The whole of this rice was sold during the year, mainly to Ration Department for the feed of the prisoners, and the balance to the public. The value recovered from the sale aggregated Rs. 7,376.

The profit, after meeting other petty expenses, amounted to Rs. 2,313 as compared with Rs. 437 in the last year.

(*d*) *Dâl grinding.*—This industry was restricted to supplying Dâl for the consumption of prisoners as their Rations. The quantity ground was 257½ maunds worth Rs. 1,354. The Dâl obtained from it was 181 maunds and Bhushi 67 mds. 28 srs. and 8 ch. and the prices realized from their sales, amounted to Rs. 1,544-7-6. The profit under this head was Rs. 236 against Rs. 376 in 1918-19.

(*e*) *Ærated waters.*—The machines, in use, were thoroughly overhauled, and repaired during the year at an aggregate cost of Rs. 241-5-6. The profit accrued on the working was Rs. 380 as compared with a loss of Rs. 105 in the previous year.

The profit was small. It was due to the higher prices of essences, and of sugar, which are continually rising.

(*f*) *Gardening.*—The profit derived from the sale of vegetables and fruits was Rs. 648 as compared with Rs. 537 in the previous year.

Other minor industries worked at a profit of Rs. 1,453 during the year.

108. The gross estimated earnings of prisoners are shown below. They are calculated at the basis of 4 annas as the daily earning:—

Description	1918-19.		1919-20.	
	Rs.	A.	Rs.	A
Jail servants including Convict Warders and those employed in preparing articles for Jail use	2,232	4	2,662	0
Prisoners employed in Jail repairs ...	1,352	0	959	4
Do Do. in the Palace and its garden	332	4	307	0
Do. hired out	1,199	4	758	12
Do. in Jail garden ...	520	0	929	12
Do. in manufactures ...	2,413	8	3,034	4
Total ...	8,049	4	8,651	0

109. *Expenditure (cost of the Jail.*—The gross and net cost of the Jail and the average cost per prisoner for his maintenance is given below as compared with the figures of the previous year :—

Heads of charges.	1918-19. Rs.	As.	P.	1919-20. Rs.	As.	P.
Establishment	5,194	5	7	5,133	10	0
Feeding charges	6,317	4	3	11,277	12	6
Contingencies including Hospital charges	1,472	6	11	2,525	5	6
Clothing and bedding	1,309	13	0	1,786	1	6
Building and repairs	590	7	3	541	15	6
Travelling allowance	6	8	0	.....		
Gross cost	14,890	13	0	21,264	13	0
Deduct earning	8,049	4	0	8,651	0	0
Net cost	6,841	9	6	12,613	13	0
Average cost of each prisoner ...	123	15	2	134	11	1
Net cost of each prisoner ...	56	15	1	79	14	3

The increase under the heads of "Feeding charges" "Contingencies" and "Clothing and Bedding" was due to the unusually high prices of all articles of necessaries. It was also due to the increased daily population.

The average prices paid for principal articles of diet are noted below :—

	Rs.	As.	P.
Rice	5	12	2
Dâl	7	7	10
Atta	10	10	0
Mustard oil	38	1	4
Salt	3	12	0
Meat	20	0	0
Fish	15	5	5
Dahi	7	10	6

The average cost per head of each prisoner under each head of charges (including the earning) is given below as compared with the figures of 1918-19 :—

Heads of charges.	1918-19. Rs.	As.	P.	1919-20 Rs.	As.	P.
Establishment	43	3	8	82	8	3
Feeding charges	52	9	4	71	6	10
Contingencies including Hospital charges...	12	4	5	15	15	3
Clothing and bedding	10	14	5	11	5	0
Building and repairs	4	14	6	3	6	6
Travelling allowance	0	0	10	.....		

110. *Health of Prisoners.*—The health of the prisoners was good. Out of a daily average population of 137·02 prisoners, the average number of sick was 4·44 as compared with 3·90 in 1918-19.

One hundred and eighty-one prisoners were treated in the Hospital, of whom 179 were cured and 2 died. The principal diseases were :—

Malarial fever	52 cases.
Dysentery	20 ,,
Diarrhœa	20 ,,
Ulcers	27 ,,
Other local diseases	16 ,,

The two cases of death were due to malarial fever.

Drinking water from the Jail well was boiled and cooled in earthen *kalsis* before distribution. The well was disinfected with Permanganate of Potash when necessary.

111. The Jail was visited during the year, twice by Your Highness, twice by Maharaj Kumar Victor N. Narayan, twice by the Vice-President, State Council, and once by the Civil and Sessions Judge. The Civil Surgeon and the Fouzdari Ahilkar visited it almost daily excepting Sundays.

The Resident Minister of the Nababidhan Somaj attended 24 times during the year and delivered short and suitable sermons to the convicts.

112. Jailor Rai Saheb Gurucharan Dutt, Clerk, Haranath Sarkar and Store-keeper, Basanta Kumar Chatterjee, served for the full period of the year.

113. *Warder Guard.*—I beg to repeat again the difficulty in getting men to work as warders. The high cost of living is a subject of complaint by them.

The strength was the same as before.

Statement D, E, F, G, H, I and J, are attached herewith.

114. *Lock-ups.*—Eighteen men remained at the 4 Lock-ups at the beginning of the year. The number admitted was 526 and the number discharged was the same. 356 prisoners were released from the Lock-ups, 167 transferred, two died and one escaped. The daily average population was 20·85.

The Dinhata Sub-jail was under construction and a temporary thatched room was used for the detention of prisoners.

The following table shows the disposal of prisoners in the Lock-ups.

		Particulars.			
		Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekligunj.	Tufangunj.
Released ..	1918-19	105	115	73	50
	1919-20	120	116	72	48
Transferred	1918-19	69	66	54	18
	1919-20	107	38	15	7
Escaped ...	1918-19	2	.....	.....	.....
	1919-20	1	.....	.....	.....
Died ...	1918-19	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1919-20	.....	.....	.....	.....

The under-mentioned table shows the gross and average cost, as well as gross earnings in each of the 4 Lock-ups in 1918-19 and 1919-20.

		Names of Lock-ups.			
		Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekligunj.	Tufangunj.
Daily average No. ...	1918-19 ...	8·80	5·63	8·10	1·36
	1919-20 ...	8·75	6·55	4·64	·91
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Gross earning	1918-19 ...	30 0 0	42 8 0	117 4 0	6 8 0
	1919-20 ...	30 2 6	33 4 6	56 4 0	10 0 0
Gross cost	1918-19 ...	725 5 0	528 13 6	679 9 10	318 2 10
	1919-20 ...	806 15 9	722 9 6	568 14 6	264 13 1
Average cost	1918-19 ...	82 5 9	87 5 0	69 6 10	213 13 9
	1919-20 ...	88 12 5	105 3 9	111 12 5	280 0 2

The Naib Ahilkars of the Sub-Divisions visited their sub-jails regularly. Your Highness was pleased to inspect the sub-jails at Dinhata and Mathabhanga during the year.

IV.—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

115. *Charge.*—Mr. N. N. Roy was in charge of the Department throughout the year.

As in previous years the report has been divided into the following 6 sections, *viz* :—

I. Public Works Department (ordinary.)

II. Palace Public Works Department.

III. Communication Improvement Fund.

IV. Contribution works.

V. Establishment.

VI. Chaklajat Public Works Department.

Section I.—Public Works Department.—Ordinary.

116. The original grant for the year under this section was Rs. 87,136 which was increasede to Rs. 1,23,039. This increment was due to some adtdiional items in th Revised Budget.

The actual expenditure amounted to Rs. 93,282 against Rs. 56,687 of the previous year. Statements (appended herewith) will show the details of expenditure under different heads.

The total receipts amounted to Rs. 5,858 against Rs 8,802 of the previous year and the provision of Rs. 4,000 in the Revised Budget.

The expenditure under Section I has been sub-divided into:—

(1.) Original Works.
(2.) Repairs.

117. (1.) *Original Works.*—The total expenditure on Original Works was Rs. 24,087 against Rs. 9,801 of the previous year.

The important Original Works executed during the year under report are biefly described below:—

Corrugated Iron roofed Prisoner's shed in the Dinhata Lock-up.—A corrugated iron roofed house, 40′ × 21′, consisting of three dormitories with 10″ thick pucca walls and terraced floor is under construction. Rs. 3,406 was originally provided in the Budget but as permission to take up the work in hand was received late, the work could not be completed and Rs. 2,019 had therefore to be adjusted during the year under report.

Compounders' quarters at Tufangunj.—The Corrugated Iron roofed house in the Hospital compound was removed and reconstructed as the sleeping-room for the compounder. A thatched shed, 16′ × 8′, for the kitchen and a latrine were also constructed. The total expenditure was Rs. 281 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 367.

Half-terracing of Anandamoyee Dharmasala—A portion of the roof of the main building was half-terraced at a cost of Rs. 226 against the estimated amount of Rs. 253.

Half-terracing of Public Works Department Office.—The roof of the Guards' cookshed attached to the Public Works Department Office was half-terraced at a cost of Rs. 98 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 116.

Half-terracing of the Ejlas-room in the Mathabhanga Cutchery.—The roof of the Ejlas-room of the Mathabhanga Cutchery building was half-terraced at a cost of Rs. 286 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 285.

Half-terracing a portion of the roof of the School building at Mathabhanga.—A portion of the roof of the Mathabhanga School building was half-terraced at a cost of Rs. 147 against the provision of Rs. 144. The excess was trifling and was met from general savings.

Iron door in the Eastern wall of Sudder Jail.—A pair of iron doors were fixed in the eastern wall of Sudder Jail at a cost Rs. 175 against the Budget grant of Rs. 180.

Pucca well in the Sudder Dâk Bungalow compound.—A 4′ diameter well in the Sudder Dâk Bungalow compound is under construction. The work could not be finished last year for want of labour and materials. Rs. 75 only was adjusted during the year under report against the provision of Rs. 500.

Pucca plinth and floor of Eating and Cook sheds in the Mekligunj Boarding Institution.—The floors and the plinths of the eating and the cook sheds attached to the Mekligunj Boarding Institution were made pucca at a cost of Rs. 400.

Quarters for the Superintendent of Police.—The main building consists of 3 bed-rooms, 1 office-room and 2 bath-rooms with verandahs in front and at the back. There are the following out-houses for the kitchen, stables &c:—

1 Cook shed (Corrugated Iron roofed) 23′ × 13′.
1 Servants' shed (Corrugated Iron roofed) 12′ × 8′,
1 Thatched shed for Stable 30′ × 12′.
1 Two-seated pucca Latrine.

The works were completed with the exception of the cast iron railings of the front verandah for which a provision has been applied for in the current year's Revised Budget. The total charges amounted to Rs. 12,796 against the provision of Rs. 14,495.

Reconstruction of the Inspection Bungalow at Haldibari—The old Inspection Bungalow at Haldibari was reconstructed with old and new materials at a cost of Rs. 555 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 582.

Red patent stone floor in two rooms of Prince Victor N. Narayan's house.—The floors of the two side-rooms on the first floor of Prince Victor N. Narayan's house were paved with 1" thick red patent stones having 3" wide black border all round at a cost of Rs. 357 against the estimate of Rs. 385.

Servants' quarters in Prince Victor N. Narayan's house—A tile-roofed house consisting of 5 bed-rooms (three of which are 12′ × 8′ and two are 11′ – 9″ × 9′) and 6 kitchens 8′ × 6′ with 3′-6″ wide verandah in front and a smaller verandah at the back was constructed for the servants of Prince Victor N. Narayan. The front, back and the partition walls were brick-nogged and the side walls were of 10″ thick brick work. The work was completed at a cost of Rs. 3,294 against the estimated amount of Rs. 3,350.

Temporary Latrine for the Office of the General Department.—The old Latrine attached to the Office of the General Department was dismantled and a temporary latrine constructed at a cost of Rs. 42 against the provision of Rs. 51.

Teak wood ceiling in the bed-room of Prince Victor N. Narayan's house.—The bed-room of Prince Victor N. Narayan's house on the first floor was provided with teak wood ceiling with ornamental moulding all round at a cost of Rs. 453 against the provision of Rs. 375. The excess was due to finer work in the ornamental moulding and the painting and was met from general savings.

Pucca well in the compound of Boarding Institution.—A 4′ diameter pucca well in the Boarding Institution is under construction. The work could not be completed last year for scarcity of labour and materials. Rs. 170 was adjusted during the year under report against the provision of Rs. 600.

Fixing the Statue of His late Highness Maharaja Sir Nripendra Narayan Bhup Bahadur on a concrete foundation.—The Statue of His late Highness Maharaja Sir Nripendra Narayan Bhup Bahadur, G. C. I. E., C. B., was fixed on a concrete foundation according to the plan submitted, at a cost of Rs. 1,489, against the provision of Rs. 1,995. It has now been proposed to put up a stone enclosure with fine ornamental work instead of the brick pillars and chain railings for which provision was was made in the estimate. Hence, the railing work originally proposed and provided for, was not con-structed; this explains the saving.

The ceremony of unveiling the Statue was performed by His Highness the Maharaja Bhup Bahadur on the 3rd March 1920.

Pucca well in the compound of Veterinary Surgeon's quarters.—A 3′ ft. diameter pucca well in the compound of Veterinary Surgeon's quarters is under construction. Rs. 114 was adjusted during the year against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 366. The work could not be completed last year owing to scarcity of labour and materials.

Forest in General.—A list of Forests in the State maintained by this Department is given below. All the forests mentioned

therein were maintained according to the particular needs of each. The total cost was Rs. 338 against Rs. 474 of the previous year :—

Serial No.	Locality.	Class of Forests.	Natural or cultural.	Areas. B.	K.	Ch.
1.	Nilkuty	Sisoo.	Cultural.	125	0	0
2.	Do.	Do.	Do.	121	0	0
3.	Do.	Do.	Do.	2	15	0
4.	Peelkhana	Do.	Do.	0	18	0
5.	Charakerkuty	Do.	Do.	585	6	12
6.	Ghegirghat Natuarpar ...	Do.	Do.	300	1	18
7.	Nababganj Balasi	Do.	Do.	178	13	7
8.	Torsa Char Forest	Do.	Natural.	17	0	4
9.	Kholta	Do.	Cultural.	8	0	0
10.	Bogribari	Do.	Do.	10	0	0
11.	Gossanimari	Sâl.	Natural.	67	0	0
12.	Jigabari	Do.	Do.	1	15	0
13.	Natabari (Charaljani) ...	Do.	Do.	57	0	0
14.	Charan Sathalee	Do.	Do.	67	0	0
15.	Chota Salbari	Do.	Do.	2	15	0
16.	Bara Salbari	Do.	Do.	50	0	0
17.	Nilkuty	Do.	Cultural.	1	0	0
18.	Do.	Do.	Do.	7	0	0
19.	Mathbhanga Balarhat ...	Do.	Natural.	38	15	0
20.	Teldhar Bodeswary	Do.	Do.	261	2	0
21.	Garati	Do.	Do.	124	0	0
22.	Nilkuty	Teak.	Cultural.	3	0	0
23.	Peelkhana	Do.	Do.	2	5	0
24.	Dowaguri	Do.	Do.	3	0	0
25.	Nilkuty	Do.	Do.	8	2	0
26.	Talliguri	Do.	Do.	3	0	0
27.	Kholta	Do.	Do.	6	0	0
			Total ...	2050	19	9

Planting and protecting trees.—A number of new plants were planted and old plants were enclosed with bamboo enclosures at a cost of Rs. 381 against Rs. 538 of the previous year.

(2) *Repairs.*—The sub-joined statement will show the expenditure on repairs for the last three years.

The total expenditure under repairs amounted to Rs. 37,231 against the provision of Rs. 57,879 : —

Class of buildings.	*Expenditure for* 1917-18.			*Expenditure for* 1918-19.			*Expenditure for* 1919-20.		
	Annual.	Petty.	Total.	Annual.	Petty.	Total.	Annual.	Petty.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I. Private Residences ...	4,912	986	5,898	4,452	1,165	5,617	2,940	1,071	4,011
II. Court Houses ...	1,255	1,283	2,558	1,334	1,096	2,430	1,454	614	2,068
III. Medical	1,047	229	1,276	1,195	91	1,286	1,187	.....	1,187
IV. Educational ...	1,778	468	2,246	1,679	407	2,086	4,625	472	5,097
V. Police and Military ...	545	77	622	443	259	700	591	64	655
VI. Government Offices—Post & Telegraph Offices &c.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
VII. Public Works ...	325	.....	325	878	252	1,130	2,732	283	3,015
VIII. Dâk-Bungalows ...	1,056	.....	1,056	908	176	1,084	734	.....	734
IX. Religious and Ecclesiastical.	2,053	.....	2,053	1,749	91	1,840	1,603	.....	1,603
X. Jails and Lock-ups ...	494	.....	494	876	.....	876	669	.....	669
XI. Miscellaneous ...	2,564	458	3,022	2,441	314	2,755	2,059	164	2,223
XII. Miscellaneous Public Improvement.	1,104	.....	1,104	409	.....	409	15,969	.....	15,969
Total ...	17,133	3,501	20,634	16,364	3,849	20,213	34,563	2,668	37,231

Private Residences.—General repairs were done to the quarters of high officials of the State.

Court houses.—The Court houses and State Offices both at Sudder and in the Sub-divisions were repaired according to the particular needs of each.

Medical.—General repairs were done to the Dispensaries both at Sudder and in the Mofussil.

Education.—General repairs were done to the Victoria College, Jenkins School, Boarding houses and School buildings in Sub-divisions.

Police and Military.—Only ordinary annual repairs were executed.

Public Works.—General repairs were done during the year.

Dâk Bungalow.—The Sudder Dâk Bungalow and Mofussil Rest houses had ordinary annual repairs done.

Religious and ecclesiastical.—The Brahmo Somaj Building and the Sudder and Mofussil Thakurbaries had general repairs.

Jails and Lock-uds.—General repairs were done to Sudder and Mofussil Jails and Lock-ups.

Miscellaneous.—Philkhana, Guest houses and godowns &c., were generally repaired.

Miscellaneous Public Improvement.—The Polo ground at Nilkuty and the Tanks and Wells in the Mofussil maintained by this Department were generally repaired. The work of re-excavating the Sagardighi was taken in hand and Rs. 15,682 was adjusted during the year against the budget provision of 28,960. The work is in progress.

Tools and Plants.—The undermentioned tools and plants were purchased at a cost of Rs. 4,280 against the provision of Rs. 4,600. Repairs to tools and plants were done at a cost of Rs. 262 against the provision of Rs. 600.

	No.
Tipping wagons	15
Table	1
Wooden chest	1
Measuring Tape 50	4

SECTION II.—PALACE.

118. The original grant for the year under report was Rs. 59,567 and it was increased to Rs. 66,878 owing to the inclusion of certain new items in the Revised Budget. The actual expenditure under this section amounted to Rs. 57,393 against Rs. 85,521 of the previous year *vide* statements attached.

The Palace Public Works Department has been sub-divided into three main heads :—

I. Cooch Behar Palace.
II. Woodlands.
III. Darjeeling.

I.—Cooch Behar Palace.

119. *Original works.*—The original works executed during the year under this Section, are described as follows :—

Dolls house in the Palace.—A pucca Dolls House was constructed in the year 1917-18 at a cost of Rs. 3,864. The work was originally executed by taking an advance of Rs. 3,000 from the Treasury. The full estimated amount was provided in the Budget for final adjustment of the Treasury advance and other dues as well.

Ground and Garden.—Rs. 6,992 was expended for general maintenance of the Ground and Garden against the provision of Rs. 7,000.

Half-terracing the Palace roof.—The work was completed at a total cost of Rs. 9,548 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 10,618.

Oil godown for the Electrical Department.—A Corrugated Iron roofed house, 48′ × 15′, consisting of two rooms with pucca walls was constructed at a cost of Rs. 3,117 against the provision of Rs 3,379.

Purchase of and repairs to furniture in the Palace.—Rs. 1,000 was paid for value of furniture purchased by His Highness. There was an outstanding of Rs. 491 which was adjusted by the Household Department.

Wooden gate in front of Rajmata's house.—Two pucca pillars with a pair of wooden gates were constructed at a cost of Rs. 165 against the provision of Rs. 200.

Providing Iron bars to doors and windows to Palace Gun room—The doors and windows of the Palace gun room were provided with iron bars at a cost of Rs. 650 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 994.

120. *Repairs to Palace and connected buildings.*—General repairs were done at a cost of Rs. 11,797 against the provision of Rs. 14,200, the details of which are shewn in the statement submitted herewith.

II.—Woodlands.

121. The under-mentioned original work was executed during the year, under this head :—

Construction of temporary kutcha stables.—Two Corrugated Iron roofed kutcha stables (one 96′ × 19′ and the other 96′ × 12′) on bamboo posts and frames with brick-on-edge floor and durma walling were constructed at a cost of Rs. 3,145 against the provision of Rs. 3,302.

Repairs to houses and up-keep of roads &c.—The houses were thoroughly repaired and a portion of the road was remetalled at a cost of Rs. 5,871 against the provision of Rs. 8,000. The details are shewn in the statement submitted herewith.

III.—Darjeeling.

122. *Original works.*—No original works were done during the year under report. Only ordinary repairs to the buildings and thorough repairs to one of the hot houses were done at a cost of Rs. 2,381 against the provision of Rs. 2,710. The details are shewn in the statement submitted herewith.

A detailed statement of expenditure under different Palaces as compared with those of two previous years is shown below :—

Name of Palace.	*Expenditure in* 1917-18.			*Expenditure in* 1918-19.			*Expenditure in* 1919-20.		
	Annual.	Petty.	Total.	Annual.	Petty.	Total.	Annual.	Petty.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I.—Palace, Cooch Behar ...	10,567	205	10,772	13,194	164	13,358	11,476	321	11,797
II.— „ Woodlands ...	4,368	214	4,582	10,148	.....	10,148	5,871	.....	5,871
III.— „ Darjeeling ...	1,789	...	1,789	1,818	.....	1,818	2,381	.....	2,381
Total ...	16,724	419	17,143	25,160	164	25,324	19,728	321	20,049

SECTION III.—COMMUNICATION IMPROVEMENT FUND.

123. The original grant of the Communication Improvement Fund Budget was Rs. 64,046 and this was reduced to Rs. 55,691. in the Revised Budget of the year under report.

The Total expenditure in this Section amounted to Rs. 30,581 against the provision of Rs. 55,691 leaving a balance of Rs. 25,110 refunded to the Treasury.

The receipts of the year under report were Rs. 58 only.

The Communication Improvement Fund works have been sub-divided into 2 heads :—

(1) Original Works.
(2) Repairs.

124. (1) *Original Works.*—The total expenditure under this head was Rs. 9,785 against Rs. 12,832 of the previous year.

The original works executed during the year under report are briefly described as follows :—

Providing pucca culverts and Timber bridges on roads (1918-19).—The two pucca culverts—one in the 1st. mile of Changrabandha-Jamaldah road and another in the 32nd mile of Dinhata Mekligunj road which could not be completed in the year 1918-19 were completed during the year. The following 2 bridges which could not be taken in hand in the year 1918-19 were also constucted during the year :—

(1) One 4′ diameter pucca culvert in the 7th mile of Janaki Tewari road.
(2) One 10′ span timber bridge in the 26th mile of Lowkuty road.

The total cost for this project was Rs. 12,481 against the total estimate of Rs. 15,000.

Protecting Lowkuty road from the erosion of the Ghargharia River.—A channel 350′ ft. in length was cut to divert the course of the river and a timber spur was put in the east bank near the Ghargharia bridge at a cost of Rs. 764 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 850.

Strengthening the Iron Bridge near Philkhana.—The iron bridge near Philkhana had to be strengthened at a cost of Rs. 389 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 512. The original bridge was not strong enough to allow elephants to pass over it.

Providing Pucca culverts and Timber bridges on roads (1919-20.)—The following bridges were constructed according to the project of 1919-20 at a total cost of Rs. 7,894 :—

(1) & (2) Two 4′ span pucca culverts in the 2nd mile of Balarampur Feeder road.
(3) One 3′ diameter barrel culvert in the 20th mile of Emigration road West of Cooch Behar.
(4) One 3′ diameter barrel culvert in the 22nd mile of Emigration road West of Cooch Behar.
(5) One 4′ span pucca culvert in the 9th mile of Feeder road from Emigration road to Patlakhawa.
(6) One 5′ span double arched culvert in the 11th mile of Feeder road from the Emigration road to Pathlakhawa.
(7) One 4′ span pucca culvert in the 6th mile of Janaki Tewari road.
(8) One 6′ span pucca culvert in the 7th mile of Kakina road.
(9) One timber bridge 14′ span in the 9th mile of Mathabhanga-Moranga road.
(10) One timber bridge 12′ span in the 9th mile of Mathabhanga-Moranga road.
(11) One 6′ span pucca culvert in the 6th mile of Lowkuty road.
(12) Pucca abutment and wing wall of a wooden culvert in the 2nd mile of Changrabanda-Jamalda road.
(13) One 8′ span wooden culvert in the 8th mile of Hazrarhat to Nayarhat and Bairagirhat village path.
(14) & (15) Two timber bridges of 10′ span each in the 25th mile of road from Cooch Behar to Garodhat.
(16) One timber bridge 10′ span in the 26th mile of Lowkuty road.
(17) One 68′ span timber bridge in the 5th mile of Dewanhat-Chilkirhat road.

(18) One 6′ span pucca culvert in the 14th mile of Changrabanda Feeder road.

One 4′ span pucca culvert in the 9th mile of Balarampur Feeder road could not be constructed for want of materials. This culvert will be incorporated in the project of the current year.

125. (2) *Repairs.*—The statement appended hereto will show mileage of roads in the State under this Department with other details. The expenditure incurred on each road has been shewn in the statement "M". The statement "N" gives details of works done on each road. The total expenditure under this head comes to Rs. 19,314 against Rs. 33,803 of the previous year.

SECTION IV.—CONTRIBUTION WORKS.

126. The actual expenditure under this head was Rs. 8,796 against Rs. 5,810 of the previous year *vide* statement appended hereto.

The following are the principal items of expenditure.—

Nripendra Narayan Memorial Hall at Mekligunj.—Rs. 448 was spent during the year for purchase of materials.

Improving Ranigunj Pipe well at Haribola Hât.—The work was completed and Rs. 68 was adjusted up to the end of the year.

Repairs to Haldibari Boarding Institution.—Rs. 403 was spent up to the end of the year out of the total contribution of Rs. 507.

Improvement of the old School building at Mekligunj.—The work was completed at a cost of Rs. 1,863 out of the total contribution of Rs. 1,937.

Anti-cholera Tube wells—(1919-20).—Rs. 2,000 was placed to the credit of this Department for sinking Tube wells in cholera affected places. Rs. 936 was spent during the year for the purpose.

A four-seated pucca Latrine attached to Mekligunj Boarding house.—Rs. 291 was expended during the year out of the total contribution of Rs. 425.

Improvement of the School building at Haldibari.—Out of the total contribution of Rs. 1,420, Rs. 445 was spent during the year Some of the materials have been purchased, but the work has not been taken up as yet. The authorities desire to have brick walls instead of mat walls originally included in the estimate. There is also a proposal to change the site of the building.

Constructing additional Corrugated Iron sheds attached to the Boarding at Tufangung.—As the work had been postponed under the State Council order the amount of Rs. 3,691 placed as contribution was returned to the Education Department.

Pucca well at Ranirhat.—The unexpended balance of Rs. 213 was returned to the Dewan of the State.

Approach road to Chilakhana Hât ground.—As the work was not done the sum of Rs. 300 received as contribution for the work was returned to the Dewan of the State.

Improvement of Bhetaguri Bunder.—The unexpended balance of Rs. 71 was returned to the Dewan of the State.

Constructing Boundary Pillars in the State.—Rs. 1,469 was spent during the year out of the contribution of Rs. 1,545 received from the Revenue Department.

Constructing Temporary Huts to admit small-pox infected passengers.—Four sets of temporary huts were constructed near Cooch Behar, Dinhata, Haldibari and Changrabanda Railway Stations at a cost of Rs. 554 only.

Anti-cholera Tube wells—(1918-19).—The unexpended balance of Rs. 77 was returned to the Office of the General Department.

SECTION V.—ESTABLISHMENT.

127. The following establishment was maintained during the year under report:—

	Rs.
Public Works, Ordinary	27,423
Chaklajat	335
Palaces:—	
Cooch Behar	465
Woodlands	1,168
Darjeeling	2,904
Total ...	32,295

This sum was contributed by funds as under:—

	Rs.
P. W. Department	30,091
Palaces—	
Cooch Behar	465
Woodlands	1,640
Darjeeling	3,096
Chaklajat	666
Total ...	35,958

With the aid of this establishment work to the value of Rs. 1,59,441 was done. The details are given below:—

	Rs.
*P. W. Department,—Ordinary	65,860
Communication Improvement Fund	30,581
Palace, Cooch Behar	31,477
,, Woodlands	17,464
,, Darjeeling	3,915
Contribution Works	4,444
Chaklajat	6,000
Total ...	1,59,741

The percentage of expenditure on establishment with reference to total expenditure on works comes to 20·21 per cent against 17·28 per cent of the previous year and 20·41 per cent of the year 1917-18.

The services of Mr. L. N. Dutt, Assistant Engineer, were transferred from the Artisan School to the Public Works Department from 1st September 1919, the school remaining under the direct control and supervision of the State Engineer from that date. Mr. J. C. Roy, Assistant Engineer, was transferred from Sudder to Haldibari and remained in charge of Haldibari, Mekligunj and Chaklajat Sub-divisions *vice* Babu Nibarn Chandra Chatterjee, transferred to Sudder. Baba Umesh Chandra Sinha was placed, in-charge of Palace (Cooch Behar) and Dinhata Sub-divisions and a portion of Sudder Sub-division, assisted by Babu Rajendra Lal Roy in the Palace, Babu Nripendra Kumar Banerjee at Dinhata and Babu Rashik Chandra Mukherjee in Sudder. Babu Nibaran Chandra Chatterjee, Overseer, had charge of a portion of the Sudder Sub-division and Tufangunj Sub-division, assisted by Babu Jogesh Chandra Chatterjee and Babu Priya Nath Bhowmik, Sub-Overseers, in Sudder and Tufangunj Sub-divisions, respectively.

The services of Babu Nishi Bhusan Bhattacharjee, Head Accountant of the Public Works Department, were transferred to the Accountant-General's Office from 1st November 1919 and Babu Gonesh Chandra Guha was appointed Head Accountant from the same date.

SECTION VI.—CHAKLAJAT PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The original provision in the year under report was Rs. 8,291 and this was increased to Rs. 8,672 in the Revised Budget. The actual expenditure amounted to Rs. 6,716 against Rs. 5,952 of the previous year. The correct figures for the year under report have not yet been received from the Manager, Chaklajat Estates.

The Statement Q shows the expenditure on works executed during the year under report compared with those of the previous year.

128. *Original Works.*—

Half-terracing the Boda Temple and partial renewal of the compound wall.—The roof of the Boda Temple was half-terraced and the compound wall was partially renewed at a cost of Rs. 485 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 500.

Record room at Debigunj.—A room 56'-6" × 15-6" with pucca walls, Corrugated Iron roof and terraced floor was added to the existing Record room at Debigunj at a cost of Rs. 2,641 against the provision of Rs. 3,200.

129. *Repairs.*—General repairs were done to the buildings at a total cost of Rs. 2,874 against Rs. 3,778 of the previous year.

Establishment charges came to Rs. 335 against Rs. 579 of the previous year. The cause of the savings is that the travelling allowance of the Assistant Engineer in charge could not be paid during the year as the daily allowance of that Officer was not settled by the State Council during the year under report.

V.—ARTISANS SCHOOL.

130. *Charge.*—Mr. N. N. Roy, the State Engineer, was in charge of the Artisans School throughout the year, while Mr. L. N. Dutt, Assistant Engineer, was in immediate charge of the same up to the end of August, 1919. The services of Mr. Dutt were however transferred to the Public Works Department and this department was placed under the direct control of Mr. Roy from the 1st September, 1919.

The original Budget grant of the Artisans School for the year under review was Rs. 28,550 which was reduced to Rs. 25,350 in the revised estimate. The total expenditure amounted to Rs. 20,992 and the unexpended balance amounting to Rs. 4,358 was refunded to the Treasury at the end of the year.

The statement of expenditure is given below:—

		Rs.
	I. ESTABLISHMENT.	
(1)	Salary of permanent establishment	4,211
(2)	Travelling allowance	23
(3)	Temporary establishment	1,336
(4)	Ticca establishment	3,709
(5)	Contingencies	249
	Total ...	9,528
	II. TOOLS AND PLANTS.	
(1)	Purchase of tools	318
(2)	Repairing tools	16
	Total ...	334
III.	Purchase of Raw materials	10,964
	IV. MISCELLANEOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT.	
(1)	Tube wells	73
(2)	Repairing tube wells	93
	Total ...	166
	Grand total ...	20,992

The estimated amount of receipt for the year was Rs. 23,750 which was reduced to Rs. 20,945 in the Revised Budget, whereas the actual value of works executed by the Artisans School amounted to Rs. 16,733 against Rs. 13,092 of the previous year. The value of surplus materials in Stock was Rs. 1,433.

Out of the total amount of receipt for the year, Rs. 13,326 has been realized and credited into Treasury and the balance Rs. 3,407 is still to be realised. Rs. 2,422 more has been realised from parties for dues of the previous year and credited into Treasury along with the above sum of Rs. 13,326.

EXPLANATIONS.

I. Establishment.—

(4) *Ticca labourers* —Rs. 3,709 is the total expenditure for entertaining Ticca labourer against the provision of Rs. 3,500. The normal provision was exceeded by Rs. 209.

II. Tools and Plants —

(1) *Purchase of Tools.*—Rs. 318 was spent for purchasing the following tools against the budget provision of Rs. 600 :—

(*a*) Chain pipe wrench $\frac{1}{4}''$ to $2\frac{1}{2}''$—1 No.
(*b*) Improved self adjusting pipe wrench $\frac{1}{2}''$ to $1\frac{1}{4}''$—1 No.
(*c*) Clyburn Spanner 10″—2 Nos.
(*d*) Engineer's Stocks and dies $\frac{1}{4}'' \times \frac{1}{2}''$—1 set.
(*e*) Do. Do. $\frac{5}{8}''$ to 1 do.
(*f*) Glazier's diamond—1 No.
(*g*) Iron bow saw 12″—1 No.
(*h*) Spare blade for 12″— 6 Nos.
(*i*) Blacksmith's bellow 37″ × 24″—1 No.
(*j*) Adjusting pipe wrench $\frac{1}{2}''$ to $1\frac{1}{4}''$— 1 No.

(2) *Repairing tools.*—Petty repairs to minor tools were done at a cost of of Rs. 16 only against the provision of Rs. 250.

III. Purchase of raw materials for manufacturing articles.—

Materials worth Rs. 10,964 were purchased against a budget provision of Rs. 11,000. Rs. 8,000 was the original grant on this head but this provision was increased to Rs. 11,000 in the revised estimate.

IV. Miscellaneous Public Improvement.—

(1) *Tube wells.*—Rs. 600 was provided for supplying tube wells on the hire-purchase system.

(2) *Reparing tube wells.*—Rs. 93 was spent against a budget provision of Rs. 500 for replacing some parts of the Anti-cholera tube-well pumps.

VII.—MEDICAL.

131. *Charge.*—Dr. Dineshananda Chakravarti, L.M.S., was in charge of the Department during the year under report.

132. *General health of the State.*—The Medical Officers report that the year under review was comparatively healthy and the Vital Statistics confirm that opinion as will be seen from the following statement :—

	1917-18.	1918-19.	1919-20.
*Malaria	19,069	20,183	16,821
†Cholera	100	1,253	845
‡Small-pox	1,454	281	490

*Number of cases treated in the Hospitals. †Reported by Police. ‡Reported by Police.

The decrease in Malaria may be attributed to the free use of Quinine in all the Dispensaries which was especially encouraged this year as one of the preventive measures to check the disease.

The scheme of "Sale and distribution of Quinine" through the Fouzdari Ahilkar's office proved unsatisfactory during the last ten years, and the Civil Surgeon proposed that two Epidemic Inspectors with the help of their assistants should be employed to visit the various Hâts for the purpose during the Malaria season. The proposal is under consideration in the State Council. Weekly administration of Quinine to convicts in Jail proved successful in stamping out Malaria there.

The marked diminution of Cholera may be attributed to the timely notification by the Police of suspected cases and prompt measures taken by the Medical Officers on the occurrence of an out-break and before the disease has had time to gather force and spread.

The remarkably low number of small-pox cases inspite of the severe out-break of epidemic in some parts of Bengal especially in Calcutta, was

due to the introduction in January last of special measures for the prevention of the disease with an expenditure of Rs. 2,500. The principal measures were:—

(1) appointment of temporary Medical Officers for the Quarantine of passengers coming up to Cooch Behar through stations Dinhata, Cooch Behar, Changrabandah and Haldibari,

(2) appointment of special constables to help the Medical Officers for the purpose.

(3) the building of temporary huts for the segregation of suspected cases close to each of the stations mentioned above, and

(4) introduction of thorough vaccination and re-vaccination, especially in Dinhata and Sudder Sub-divisions, and disinfection and segregation of cases as promptly as possible on the notification of an out-break in any locality before the disease could spread in an epidemic form.

133. *Hospitals and Dispensaries.*—There was no change in the Hospitals and Dispensaries of the State, during the year under review.

The total number of out-patients treated in the several Hospitals and Dispensaries during the year was 48,442 against 45,865 in the previous year and that of in-patients was 1,689 against 1,797. The percentage of deaths during the year was 8·11 against 13·78 in the previous year.

Table R shews the attendance of patients at each of the Hospitals; the total number of patients treated in the Rajmata Hospital was 21 against 20 in the previous year.

Table S shews the number of Major Operations performed in the State Hospital during the year under report. It was 150 against 71 in the previous year. The total numbr of operations, both minor and major, was 926 against 560 in the previous year.

Table T shews the most prevailing diseases treated in the Hospitals and the results obtained in their treatment.

Table U shews the particulars of mortality of the patients treated in the different Hospitals of the State.

Table V shews the number of patients vaccinated and the results obtained during the year. The number of persons vaccinated was 28,616 against 64,856 in the previous year. The percentage of successful cases was 69·82 against 94·73. The unusually high number, last year, was due to thorough vaccination and re-vaccination all over the State especially at Tufangunj due to His Excellency The Viceroy's visit at Cooch Behar for shooting purpose. The small number this year does not signify the slackness on the part of vaccinators as it is a matter of common experience that a very few people get themselvs vaccinated when there is no small-pox .

Table W shews the daily average of population at the Jail and particulars regarding the Hospital.

Table X shews the daily average strength of Police and Military and gives particulars about the Hospitals.

The number of Post-mortem examinations for Medicolegal purposes held during the year under report was 14 against 16 in the previous year.

Table Y shews the expenditure of Hospitals and Dispensaries. The total expenditure was Rs. 24,942 against Rs. 27,268 in the previous year; this does not, however, include the cost of medicines etc., supplied to them.

Table Z shews the total rainfall of the year under report and of the previous nine years. The total rainfall of the year was 130·70 against 119·19 in the previous year. The average of the last ten years was 147·11 inches.

134. *Vital statistics.*—The statement below shews the rates of births and deaths per thousand of the population in the town of Cooch Behar, for the last three years:—

Years.	Birth rates.	Death rates.
1917-18	12·91	12·10
1918-19	10·97	16·05
1919-20	11·53	10·97

135. *General Remarks.*—The Hospitals and Dispensaries and Sub-Jails were regularly inspected during the year under report and proved to be satisfactory. The old Assistant Surgeon's quarters within the Sudder Hospital compound were demolished, thus improving the site of the Hospital; and the

open verandah at the back of the Haldibari Hospital was converted into two rooms, one to be used as an operation room and the other as (a) Store, removing the long-felt want of an operation room there.

The midwife attached to the Sudder Hospital attended 103 maternity cases against 128 in the previous year. Besides, twomidwives were appointed at Tufangunj and Mekligunj, partly at State expense and partly by public charge. In addition, two midwives were employedone at Dinhata and the other at Mathabhanga, maintained by the Town Committee of those places. One Nurse served at the Sudder Hospital for two months during the year under report. She resigned her post. The post remained vacant for the remaining period of the year, as no suitable candidate was available.

The Junior Assistant Surgeon of the Sudder Hospital, Dr. Srish Chandra Roy, resigned and went to the front as a temporary officer I.M.S. and Dr. Indra Narayan Borah was appointed in his place. Sub-Assistant Surgeon, Babu Pramatha Kumar Neogi resigned and Babu Hrishikesh Ghose was appointed in his place.

Nineteen patients were sent to Shillong for Anti-Rabic treatment and to stop further cases, 182 dogs were killed by the local Police, in the Cooch Behar town, during the year under review.

The total number of prescriptions in the Sudder Hospital, during the year under report was 23,312 against 29,824 in the previous year. The total number of prescriptions in all the Dispensaries was 4,997.

The Spleen-rate register, kept in the Sudder Hospital, shewed that out of 1,727 children examined, 293 had spleen or in other words the percentage of spleen cases was 16·73.

136. *Sanitation.*—One Epidemic Inspector for the whole State was in employed for three months, during the year under report. After his resignation the post remained vacant. A new scheme for the better management of epidemic work is under consideration in the State Council. As small-pox was epidemic in Calcutta, three extra Sub-Assistant Surgeons were temporarily apointed for three months, for the Sudder, Dinhata and Changrabanda Railway stations, to examine the passengers coming into the State from outside. Four temporary segregation camps were erected near each of the Railway stations mentioned above, and also in Haldibari, in which to segregate small-pox infected passengers. Six patients were admitted into the camp at Dinhata, one at Sudder and one at Haldibari.

There is no Leper Act in the State authorising the segregation of Lepers in a Leper Asylum, and the Lepers wander about in uncontrolled. The State Council was approached in the matter.

137. *Expenditure.*—The total cost of the Department was Rs. 47,673 against Rs. 47,648 in the previous year.

VETERINARY.

88. *Veterinary Hospital.*—Babu Chinta Haran Sen Gupta was in charge of the Hospital throughout the year and treated 504 new cases, *viz.*—8 Equines, 23 Bovines and 3 other animals as In-patients and 107 Equines, 302 Bovines and 61 other animals as Out-patients. The figures for the year preceding were 414 new cases, *viz.*—3 Equines, 13 Bovines and 2 other animals as In-patients and 104 Equines, 179 Bovines and 113 other animals as Out-patients. The Veterinary Assistant also treated, during the year under review, 2945 old cases, *viz.*—42 Equines, 246 Bovines and 23 other animals as In-patients and 842 Equines, 1603 Bovines and 189 other animals as Out-patients against 2532 old cases in the previous year, *viz.*—36 Equines, 197 Bovines and 22 other animals as In-patients and 812 Equines, 937 Bovines and 528 other animals as Out-patients. Medicine was supplied to 7 cases which were not brought to the Hospital against 5 cases of the previous year. This increase in the number of cases treated is evidence of greater appreciation by the public of Veterinary Surgery.

The following major operations were performed with successful results:—

1.	Amputation of Penis of a pony	1
2.	Removal of big Barsati growths	3
3.	Do. tumour of a bitch	1
4.	Parturition———Cow	4
5.	Do. ———She goat	2
6.	Accidental big wounds (with exposed Viscera) of a cow ...	1
7.	Do. of dog	1
8.	Imperforated anii of a calf	1

Besides these the Veterinary Assistant removed several placentas of cows and goats, amputated tails of bullocks and dogs, operated for mammitis, &c.

Two debilitated cattle were treated successfully with saline solution by the Veterinary Assistant.

The Veterinary Assistant was on tour for ten days in connection with two criminal cases and visited two villages, one Thana and one Sub-division. The Veterinary Assistant received a report from the Police of the outbreak of Rinderpest but was unable to attend any of the five cases reported as his services were required at Head-quarters. The Veterinary Assistant attended three foot and mouth cases and one anthrax case at Head-quarters and inoculated 19 Equines and 64 Bovines with Anthrax protective serum, with good results. In the previous year the Veterinary Assistant was on tour for 21 days visited 15 villages and treated 71 cases; received reports of four foot and mouth and nine rinderpest cases from the Police and attended one fowl cholera case at Head-quarters and three foot and mouth and seven rinderpest cases in the Moffusil and inoculated 197 cattle with anti-rinderpest serum in four cases, with good results.

The Veterinary Assistant held Postmortem examinations in connection with criminal cases on the carcases of an elephant, a bull and bullock, suspected of having been poisoned. No poison was detected at the examination of the carcase of the elephant but arsenic was detected in the 2nd and 3rd cases. The person accused in the 2nd case was arrested and sentenced to two years' rigorous imprisonment.

One pony and three cattle were examined by the Veterinary Assistant in connection with criminal cases.

Attacks and deaths from contagious diseases as reported to the Veterinary Assistant.

Rinaerpest.—Attacks—71 cattle, Deaths—51 cattle.

Anthrax.—Attacks—2 cattle, Deaths—2 cattle. (Microscopical examination led to detection).

Foot and Mouth Disease.—Attacks—15 cattle, Deaths: nil.

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Statement A.

Return of cognizable crime for the year 1919-1920.

Part I.—*Return of cases.*

Serial Number.	LAW UNDER WHICH PUNISHABLE.	OFFENCE.	Number pending from previous year.	Number reported in the year.	Number in which investigation was refused.	Number remaining for investigation.	Number proved or declared to be false.	Number due to mistakes of law or fact or declared non-cognizable.	Number pending at end of year.	True cases: Convicted.	True cases: Acquitted.	True cases: Not detected or apprehended.	True cases: Total true cases (Columns 6+11+12+13).	Total magistrate's true cases.	Total magistrate's cases convicted.	Grand total of true cases (columns 14+15).	REMARKS.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Sections of I. P. Code.																
1	115, 117, 118, 119 ..	Abetment of cognizable offence.	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	
		Total.....	...	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	..	...	
	CLASS I.—*Offences against the State, public tranquillity, safety and justice.*																
2	131 to 136, 138 ..	Offences relating to the Army and Navy.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	..	...	
3	231 to 524 ...	Offences relating to coin ..	.....	2	.....	2	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	
4	255 to 263A ...	Offences relating to stamps ...	.....	.....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	...	..	...	
5	467 and 471 ..	Offences relating to Government Promissory notes.	.....	....	.....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	.....	...	..	...	
6	489A to 489D ..	Offences relating to Currency and Bank notes.	....	....	.....	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	....	....	...	..	..	
7	212 to 216, 216A ..	Harbouring an offender ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	....	...	..	....	
8	224, 225, 225B and 226	Other offences against public Justice.	2	5	.....	7	.....	1	....	3	.....	3	6	1	1	7	
9	143 to 153, 157, 158, 159	Rioting or unlawful assembly	3*	8	.....	11	.....	3	3	2	1	2	5	12	4	17	* One case shewn in serial No. 20.
10	140 170, 171.....	Personating public servant or soldier.	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....	
		Total ..	5	15	....	20	....	4	4	6	1	5	12	13	5	25	
	CLASS II.—*Serious offences against the person.*																
1	302, 303 396 ..	Murder	.....	1	....	1	.....	....	.....	....	1	....	1	....	...	1	
2	307	Attempts at murder	.....	1	.....	1	....	.....	....	.....	1	.....	1	...	..	1	
3	304, 308	Culpable homicide	...*	1	.....	1	....	.....	....	.....	.....	1	1	...	..	1	
4	376	Rape	.....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	..	..	..	
5	377	Unnatural offences	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	...	...	..	
6	317, 318	Exposure of infants or concealment of birth.	1	.....	....	1	....	....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	...	..	1	
7	305, 306, 309	Attempt at, and abetment of, suicide.	.....	5	.....	5	.....	1	.....	3	.....	1	4	..	...	4	
8	325, 326, 329. 331, 333, 335.	Grievous hurt	....	11	....	11	....	1	2	3	4	1	8	4	..	12	
9	328	Administering stupefying drugs to cause hurt.	.....	.....	....	....	.....	....	....	.....	....	....	.....	...	..	..	
0	324, 327 330, 332..	Hurt	4*	14	.....	18	1	5	2	1	6	3	10	5	2	15	* One case shewn from serial No. 9 on account of changeof of Section.
1	363 to 369 and 372, 373 and 371.	Kidnapping or abduction selling etc., for prostitution and dealing in slaves	1	6	.....	7	1	1	2	1	.....	2	3	18	2	21	
	346 to 348	Wrongful confinement and restraint in secret or for purpose of extortion.	.....	....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	...	
	353, 354, 356, 357	Criminal force to public servant or woman, or an attempt to commit theft or wrongfully confine.	3	5	.....	8	2	1	.....	2	1	2	5	3	3	8	
	304A, 338	Rash or negligent act causing death or grievous hurt.	.. ..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	....	....	..	..	..	
		Total.....	9	44	....	53	4	9	6	11	13	10	34	30	7	64	
	CLASS III.—*Serious offences against person and property, or against property only.*																
	395, 397, 398, 399, 402.	Dacoity and preparation and assembly for dacoity.	2	2	.....	4	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	2	2	...	..	2	
1	392, 393, 394, 397, 398.	Robbery	4	5	.....	9	.....	.....	2	1	.....	6	7	2	2	9	
17	270, 281, 282, 430 to 433, 435 to 440	Serious mischief and cognate offences.	1	1	.....	2	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	2	2	4	...	6	

STATEMENT C.

Property stolen and recovered 1919-20.

OFFENCE.	Number of cases in which property was stolen.	Number of cases in which property was recovered.	Percentage of cases in which property was recovered to cases in which property was stolen.	Amount of property stolen.	Amount of property recovered.	Percentage of value of property recovered to value of property stolen.
				Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
A.—COGNIZABLE.						
1.—Theft ... *a.*—In conjunction with lurking house-trespass or house-breaking.	289	91	31·48	18,331 0 0	2,882 0 0	15·72
1.—Theft ... *b.*—In conjunction with receiving stolen property.	38	28	73·68	1,297 0 0	589 0 0	45·41
1.—Theft ... *c.* Other thefts	87	39	44·82	4,689 0 0	2,672 0 0	56·98
2.—Robbery ... *a.*—Dacoity	3	3	100·00	1,972 0 0	726 0 0	36·81
2.—Robbery ... *b.*—Other Robbery	7	1	14·28	2,062 0 0	3 0 0	·14
3. Criminal breach of trust	10	3	30·00	2,483 0 0	828 0 0	33·34
Criminal breach of trust by public servants or by a banker, merchant or agent	430	75	17·01	30,834 0 0	7,700 0 0	24·97
B.—NON-COGNIZABLE.						
Extortion	2	.....	.....	222 0 0	.....	.....
Criminal mis-appropriation	6	6	100·00	425 0 0	302 0 0	71·05
	8	6	75.	647 0 0	302 0 0	46·98

The 16th May, 1920.

S. GHOSH,
Fouzdary Ahilkar of Cooch Behar

D.—*Annual Statement of prisoners of all classes in the Cooch Behar Jail for the year 1919-20.*

1		2		3				4		5		6		7		8		9		10		11		12		13		14				15		16				17		18		19	20	
Yearly aggregate of the daily total No. of prisoners of all classes sick and well.		Daily average of the foregoing.		No. of prisoners of all classes remaining on the last day of the preceding year.				No. admitted during the year.		No. received from other Districts.		No. received from the Lock-ups.		Total No. in Jail.		Trfd. to Lunatic Asylum or to other Jail, or to Port Blair including those in transit.		Released.		Escaped.		Died.		Executed.		Total No. of columns 8 to 12.		No. of prisoners of all classes remaining in Jail on the last day of the year.				Number convicted during the year out of total admitted as per columns 4, 5 and 6.		No. under trial.				Average period of detention of under-trial prisoners.		No. the Jail is capable of containing at 68 cubic ft. per prisoner.		No. above capacity with reference to col. 2.	No. below capacity with reference to col. 2.	
				In Jail.		In Hospital.																						In Jail.		In Hospital.				Out of number in cols. 4, 5 and 6.		Out of number in col. 3.								
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.
49060	1091	134·04	2.98	136	3	2	...	77	7	2	..	137	1	454	11	45	...	279	10	2	..	2	...	...	...	328	10	120	1	6	...	199	5	152	5	14	1	30·87	16·6	199	13	...	64·98	10·02

E.—*Annual Statement of prisoners of all classes in the Sub-divisional Lock-ups for the year 1919-20.*

1	2		3		4				5		6		7		8		9		10		11		12				13		14				15	16	17	18
NAMES OF LOCK-UPS.	Yearly aggregate of the daily total No. of prisoners of all classes sick and well.		Daily average of the foregoing.		No. of prisoners of all classes remaining on the last day of the preceding year.				No. admitted during the year.		TOTAL.		Transferred to Sudder Jail including those in transit.		Released.		Died.		Escaped.		Total of columns 7 to 10.		No. of prisoners of all classes remaining in Lock-ups on the last day of the year.				No. convicted during the year out of total admitted as per column 5.		No. under trial.				Average period of detention of under-trial prisoners.	No. the lock-ups are capable of containing at 68 cubic ft. per prisoner.	No. above capacity with reference to column 3.	No. below capacity with reference to column 3.
					In Lock-up.		In Hospital.																In Lock-up.		In Hospital.				Out of No. in col. 5.		Out of No in col. 4.					
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.				
Dinhata	3190	10	8·73	·02	8	..	...	...	223	4	231	4	107	..	116	4	...	...	1	...	224	4	7	...	..	..	66	..	154	4	6	...	16·05	15	....	....
Mathabhanga ..	2377	17	6·51	.04	4	..	...	...	153	1	157	1	38	..	115	1	..	..	..	...	153	1	4	...	..	..	63	..	99	1	4	...	20·00	22	....	....
Mekliganj ...	1690	5	4.63	·01	3	1	...	...	91	1	94	2	14	1	71	1	2	...	..	...	87	2	7	..	..	...	37	..	51	1	3	1	24·46	18	....	.....
Tufanganj ...	335	...	·91	..	2	..	...	..	53	..	55	...	7	..	48	..	...	...	...	...	55	..	...	..	...	...	14	...	34	..	1	...	5·27	....	....	....
Total ..	7592	32	20·78	·07	17	1	..	..	520	6	537	7	166	1	350	6	2	..	1	..	519	7	18	..	...	..	180	..	338	6	14	1	65·78	....	....	....

S. GHOSH,
Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

F.—*Statement shewing the outturn of the manufacture of the Cooch Behar Jail during the year 1919-20.*

1	2	3			4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		TOTAL NO. OF PRISONERS EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURES.			VALUE OF ARTICLES SOLD DURING THE YEAR.								
YEAR.	Number of working days in the year.	In the garden.	On all other manufactures.	TOTAL.	Value of articles sold to outsiders.	Value of articles sold to other departments or for Jail use for which cash payment into the Treasury was made.	Value of articles supplied for use of the Jail other than for the manufacture department, for which no cash payment was made.	Value of articles supplied to other jails, for which no cash payment was received.	Total value of articles disposed of as per cols. 4, 5, 6 and 7.	Value of manufactured articles in store on the 31st March 1920.	Value of raw materials in store on the 31st March 1920.	Value of plant, machinery, tools, &c. in store on the 31st March 1920.	Total of columns 8, 9 10 and 11.
					Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
1919-20 ...	307	2719	13137	15856	26,541 5 0	8,385 5 0	.....	.....	34,926 10 0	1,196 4 0	832 11 6	1,064 5 6	38,016 15 0

13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Deduct value of manufactured articles in store on the 31st March 1919. *	Deduct value of raw materials in store on the 31st March 1919.	Deduct value of plant and machinery, tools, &c. in store on the 31st March 1919.	Deduct charges incurred for raw materials, tools &c. in 1919-1920.	Total debits, as per cols. 13, 14, 15 and 16.	Deduct amount retrenched.	Difference between cols. 17 and 18, being net debits.	Profit being the excess of total of col. 12 over total of col. 19.	Loss being the excess of total of col. 19 over total of col. 12.	Net amount earned and credited to jail for hire of prisoners employed in State works.	Net amount earned and credited to Jail for value of labour of prisoners hired out to private parties.	Total of cols. 20, 22 & 23.	Cash realised and remitted to the Treasury during 1919-1920.	Total outstandings at the close of the year.
* Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P
1,327 4 0	5,907 9 6	1,218 3 0	20,830 6 3	2,988 6 9	.....	29,883 6 9	6,133 8 3	.....	201 8 0	637 6 0	8,972 6 3	* 35,010 12 0	2,428 15 6

*(1) Sale-proceeds of manufactured articles paid into Treasury ... Rs. 34,492 A. 0 P. 0
(2). Hire of convicts 518 12 0
(3) Miscellaneous receipts ... .
Total ... 35,010 12 0

S. GHOSH,
Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

G.—*Statement shewing the value of labour of prisoners employed in the Cooch Behar Jail during the year 1919-1920.*

1	2	3	4	5				6			7			8			9		
				JAIL SERVANTS INCLUDING CONVICT WARDERS FOR WHICH NO CASH PAYMENT WAS MADE.				BUILDING AND REPAIRING JAIL FOR WHICH NO CASH PAYMENT WAS MADE.			ON STATE PURPOSE FOR WHICH CASH PAYMENT WAS MADE			WORKING FOR HIRE.			TOTAL OF COLS. 5, 6, 7, and 8.		
Name of Jail.	Average number sentenced to labour.	Daily average no excused labour on account of sickness and old age and awaiting medical examination and attending courts &c.	Daily average number excused labour on account of Sundays and Holidays.	Daily average number employed.	Ratio per cent. of average strength.	Average estimated daily earning per head.	Total estimated earning for the year.	Average number employed.	Average estimated daily earning per head.	Total estimated earning for the year.	Average number employed.	Average estimated daily earning per head.	Total estimated earning for the year.	Average number employed.	Average estimated daily earning per head.	Total estimated earning for the year.	Average number employed.	Average estimated daily earning per head.	Total estimated earning for the year.
						Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P
Cooch Behar Jail ...	121·55	8·30	19·67	34·68	24·67	0 4 0	2,719 0 0	10·48	0 4 0	959 4 0	3·04	0 4 0	278 8 0	9·88	0 4 0	758 12 0	58·08	0 4 0	4,715 8 0

10															11			12		
ON JAIL GARDEN.															ON MANUFACTURE &c.			TOTAL OF 7, 8, 10, and 11.		
Extent of ground under cultivation.	Weight of vegetables produced.	Quantity and value of vegetables purchased from bazar for the prisoners' use.		Average number employed, including fruit garden and for cultivation of field crops.	A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	F.		G.	H.							
		Quantity	Value.		Value of vegetables supplied to prisoners for which payment was not made.	Value of vegetables &c. supplied to prisoners for which payment was made.	Value of vegetables sold to outsiders.	Total of columns A, B and C.	Deduct cost of tools, seeds, &c.	Actual profit. D minus E profit.	Actual profit. E minus D loss.	Total earning for the year.	Average earning per head.		Average number employed.	Profits for the year.	Average profit per head of those so employed.	Total daily average number of prisoners employed.	Total profit.	Average profit.
Bighas	Mds. Srs. Ch.	Mds. Srs. Ch.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
10	405 0 0	.....	.....	12·11	.....	623 1 9	334 15 3	958 1 0	351 13 0	606 4 0	.....	606 4 0	50 0 10		39·53	8,366 2 3	116 11 7	61·53	8,972 6 3	145 13 0

S. GHOSH,
Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

H.—*Statement shewing the cost of the Cooch Behar Jail during the year 1919-1920.*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
EXPENDITURE DURING THE WHOLE YEAR							AVERAGE GROSS COST OF EACH PRISONER ON ACCOUNT OF				
Travelling allowance.	Establishment.	Feeding, including lunatics at Berhampur & life convicts at Port Blair.	Clothing, Jail building, contingencies & Sick diet.	Total.	Deduct profit of manufacture, credited *vide*, column 12, Statement G.	Net cost.	Travelling allowance.	Establishment.	Diet.	Clothing, Jail building, contingencies &c.	Total gross cost per prisoner.
Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
.....	5,133 10 0	11,277 12 6	4,853 6 6	21,264 13 0	3,170 2 6	18,094 10 6	.....	32 8 3	71 6 10	30 10 9	134 11 2

S. GHOSH,

Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

I.—*Statement shewing the Jail offences and nature of punishments inflicted during the year 1919-20.*

1		2	3
Jail offences.		Description of punishments.	No. of convicts.
Relating to work	56	Loss of marks	14
Having forbidden articles in possession...	36	Corporal punishment ...	4
Assault &c.	3	Degraded from Warder's post ..	11
Other breaches of Jail rules ...	70	Putting on heavy irons ...	.....
Offences relating to escape	2	Wearing gunny suits ...	5
		Putting in solitary cells ...	1
		Judicially punished ...	.....
		Warned	71
		Standing Hand-cuff	4
		Cross Bar fetters	4
		Hard Labour	13
		Bar fetters	.....
		Night Hand-cuff	16
		Penal diet	24
Total ...	167	Total ...	167

S. GHOSH,

Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

J.—*Statement shewing the General Receipts and Disbursements of the Sub-divisional Lock-ups during the year 1919-1920.*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Number of Lock-ups.	Daily average of the yearly aggregate No. of prisoners.	DISBURSEMENTS.			RECEIPTS.			Net cost.	Average gross cost per prisoner for establishment.	Average gross cost per prisoner for diet and contingencies	Net cost for each prisoner during the year.	REMARKS.
		On account of establishment.	On account of diet and contingencies &c.	Total expenditure.	From manufacture.	On account of wages of non-manufacturing prisoners.	Total receipts.					
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P	Rs. A. P.	
1	20·85	432 0 0	1,931 4 10	2,363 4 10	.....	129 11 0	129 11 0	2,233 9 10	170 12 5	445 5 8	585 12 9	

S. GHOSH,

Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

PUBLI WORCKS DEPARTMENT.

COOCH BEHAR STATE.

K.—*Abstract of Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. Dept., Cooch Behar State, for the year 1919-1920.*

HEAD OF SERVICE.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1918-1919.		EXPENDITURE FOR 1919-1920.	
	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
ORIGINAL WORKS.				
Civil Buildings ...	8,789	.....	23,368	.....
Forest	1,012	.....	719	.....
Total Original Works	.....	9,801	.....	24,087
REPAIRS.				
Civil Buildings ...	19,361	.....	20,671	.....
Military ,, ...	443	.....	591	.....
Miscellaneous Public Improvement.	409	.....	15,969	.....
Total Repairs ...	.....	20,213	.....	37,231
TOOLS AND PLANTS ...	1,180	.....	4,542	.....
Total Tools and Plant...	.....	1,180	.....	4,542
ESTABLISHMENT.				
Public Works Department.	22,946	.....	24,421	.....
Dak-Bungalow ...	1,320	.....	1,958	.....
Lansdowne Hall ...	773	.....	1,044	.....
Total Establishment...	.....	25,039	.....	27,423
Profit and Loss ...	.....	.....	188	.....
Total Profit and Loss...	.....	.....	.....	188
Total final heads—P. W. D. Ordinary.	.....	56,233	.....	93,421
Net Debits to suspense heads.	.....	454	.....	—139
Net expenditure—P. W. D. Ordinary.	.....	56,687	.....	93,282
Unexpended balance remitted to the Treasury.	.....	8,067	.....	29,757
GRAND TOTAL .	.....	64,754	.....	1,23,039

Receipts.

P. W. D. Miscellaneous Receipts	.....	8,802	.....	5,858
Total Receipts ...	.....	8,802	.....	5,858

A. N. CHOWDHURI.
State Engineer, P. W. Dept.

Detailed Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. D. for the year 1919-20.—(Contd.)

Item No.	NAME OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1918-19.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1919-1920.		
			Annual.	Petty works.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
	Brought forward Total P. W. D. Ordinary (final heads) ...	56,233	90,462	2,959	93,421
	Do. do. Debits to Suspense heads	16,854	19,040	.....	19,040
	Deduct credits to Suspense heads.				
130	Stock sales	4,208	5,622	.....	5,622
131	Stock	10,471	12,299	.....	12,299
132	Miscellaneous Advance	1,721	1,258	.....	1,258
	Total credits ...	16,400	19,179	.....	19,179
133	Net debits to Suspense heads ...	454	—139	.....	—139
	Total Expenditure P. W. D. Ordinary ...	56,687	90,323	2,959	93,282
134	Unexpended Balance remitted to the Treasury ...	8,067	.....	.....	29,757
	Grand total P. W. D. Ordinary ...	64,754	.....	.....	1,23,039
	Details of Receipts of P.W.D. for 1919 1920.				
135	P. W. D. Miscellaneous receipts	7,007	.....	2,912	.....
136	Sale of Timbers and Forest ordinary ...	1,795	.....	2,946	.....
	Total P. W. D. Miscellaneous Receipts ...		8,802	.....	5,858

A. N. CHOWDHURI,
Offg. State Engineer, P. W. D.

PALACE PUBLIC WORKS.

L.—*Abstract of expenditure of the Palace Public Works for 1919-20.*

HEAD OF SERVICE.	*Expenditure for* 1918-19.		*Expenditure for* 1919-20.	
	Amount.	Total.	Amount.	Total.
PALACE.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Cooch Behar.				
Original Works	29,538 0 0		19,680 0 0	
Repairs	13,358 0 0		11,797 0 0	
Establishment	360 0 0		465 0 0	
Total ...		43,256 0 0		31,942 0 0
Woodlands.				
Original Works	12,871 0 0		3,145 0 0	
Repairs	10,148 0 0		5,871 0 0	
Miscellaneous	11,513 0 0		8,448 0 0	
Establishment	1,475 0 0		1,168 0 0	
Total ...		36,007 0 0		18,632 0 0
Colinton & Prospect House.				
Original Works	.....		.....	
Repairs	1,818 0 0		2,381 0 0	
Miscellaneous	1,534 0 0		1,534 0 0	
Establishment	2,906 0 0		2,904 0 0	
Total ...		6,258 0 0		6,819 0 0
Total Palace ...		85,521 0 0		57,393 0 0
Un-expended balance remitted to the Treasury	.....	7,729 0 0	.....	9,485 0 0
Grand total ...	.....	93,250 0 0	.....	66,878 0 0

A. N. CHOWDHURI,

Offg. State Engineer, P. W. D., Cooch Behar.

PALACE PUBLIC WORKS.

Details of expenditure for the year **1919-20.**

Item No.	NAME OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1918-19.	Expenditure for 1919-20. Annual.	Expenditure for 1919-20. Petty.	Expenditure for 1919-20. Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
	PALACE.				
	Cooch Behar.				
	Original Works.				
1	Doll's House in the Palace ...	.....	3,864 0 0	.....	3,864 0 0
2	Ground and Garden ...	7,330 0 0	6,992 0 0	.....	6,992 0 0
3	Half-terracing the Palace roof ...	5,656 0 0	3,892 0 0	.....	3,892 0 0
4	Oil godown for the Electrical Dpt.	.....	3,117 0 0	.....	3,117 0 0
5	Purchase of and repairs to Furniture, in the Palace.	16,000 0 0	1,000 0 0	.....	1,000 0 0
6	Wooden gate in front of Rajmata's House.	.....	165 0 0	.....	165 0 0
7	Providing wooden bars to doors and windows to Palace gun room.	.....	650 0 0	.....	650 0 0
8	Constructing a guard room for the Samadhi.	280 0 0	.....	.....	.....
9	Constructing a thatched shed over the Samadhi of His late Highness Raj Rajendra Narayan Bhup Bahadur.	272 0 0	.....	.....	.....
	Total Original Works ...	29,538 0 0	19,680 0 0	.....	19,680 0 0
	Repairs.				
	Improvement of Palace ground ...	1,113 0 0	855 0 0	.....	855 0 0
	Out-houses of Palace (Pucca and Kutcha).	2,093 0 0	746 0 0	200 0 0	946 0 0
	Palace Repairs ...	7,350 0 0	7,382 0 0	.....	7,382 0 0
	Repairs to Rajander including Rajmata's house.	2,347 0 0	1,905 0 0	.....	1,905 0 0
10	Stable and coach house ...	.....	393 0 0	.....	393 0 0
11	Repairs to Dynamo House with out-houses.	291 0 0	195 0 0	.....	195 0 0
12	Repairing Mr. Oakley's Bungalow	164 0 0	.....	121 0 0	121 0 0
13					
14	Total Repairs ...	13,358 0 0	11,476 0 0	321 0 0	11,797 0 0
15					
16	*Establishment.—*				
17	Pay of Sub-Overseer ...	360 0 0	465 0 0	.....	465 0 0
	Total Establishment ...	360 0 0	465 0 0	.....	465 0 0
	Carried over Total Cooch Behar Palace.	43,256 0 0	31,621 0 0	321 0 0	31,942 0 0

PALACE PUBLIC WORKS.

Details of Expenditure for the year 1919-20.—(Continued.)

Item No.	NAME OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1918-19.	Expenditure for 1919-20. Amount.	Petty.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
	Brought over total Cooch Behar Palace.	43,256 0 0	31,621 0 0	321 0 0	31,942 0 0
	Woodlands.				
	Original Works.				
18	Additions to and alterations in the Household office room.	850 0 0	.....	.....	.....
19	Certain Improvement to the main building and out-houses.	8,768 0 0	.....	.....	.....
20	Marbling the Dining room and papering the Drawing room.	3,253 0 0	.....	.....	.....
21	Construction of temporary kutcha Stables	.....	3,145 0 0	.....	3,145 0 0
	Total Original Works ...	12,871 0 0	3,145 0 0	.....	3,145 0 0
	Repairs.				
22	Repairs to Houses and Up-keep of Roads &.	10,148 0 0	3,797 0 0	.....	3,797 0 0
23	Thorough repairs to servants' qrs. Tin shed.	.....	466 0 0	.....	466 0 0
24	Remettalling compound Roads ...	.....	1,608 0 0	.....	1,608 0 0
	Total Repairs ...	10,148 0 0	5,871 0 0	.....	5,871 0 0
	Miscellaneous.				
25	Arrangements for watering lawn ...	160 0 0	100 0 0	.....	100 0 0
26	Garden	1,936 0 0	1,900 0 0	.....	1,900 0 0
27	Taxes	9,417 0 0	6,448 0 0	.....	6,448 0 0
	Total Miscellaneous ...	11,513 0 0	8,448 0 0	.....	8,448 0 0
	Establishment.				
28	Pay of Overseer	720 0 0	780 0 0	.....	780 0 0
29	Travelling allowance of State Engineer.	695 0 0	828 0 0	.....	328 0 0
30	Travelling allowance of Overseer...	60 0 0	60 0 0	.....	60 0 0
	Total Establishment ...	1,475 0 0	1,168 0 0	.....	1,168 0 0
	Total Woodlands ...	36,007 0 0	18,632 0 0	.....	18,632 0 0
	Colinton & Prospect House.				
	Original Works	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Repairs.				
31	Repairs to houses, out-houses, up-keep of Roads &c.	1,818 0 0	1,038 0 0		1,038 0 0
32	Thorough repairs to the Hot houses at Colinton.	.....	1,343 0 0	.....	1,343 0 0
	Carried over Total Repairs Colinton and Prospect House.	1,818 0 0	2,381 0 0	.....	2,381 0 0
	Carried over Total Woodlands Palace	36,007 0 0	18,632 0 0	.....	18,632 0 0
	Carried over Total Cooch Behar Palace.	43,256 0 0	31,621 0 0	321 0 0	31,942 0 0

PALACE PUBLIC WORKS.

Details of Expenditure for the year 1919-20.—(Concluded.)

Item No.	NAME OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1918-19.			Expenditure for 1919-20.								
					Amount.			Petty.			Total.		
		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
	Brought forward total Cooch Behar.	43,256	0	0	31,621	0	0	321	0	0	31,942	0	0
	Brought forward total Woodlands...	36,007	0	0	18,632	0	0	.....			18,632	0	0
	Brought forward total Repairs to Colinton and Prospect House &.	1,818	0	0	2,381	0	0	.....			2,381	0	0
	Miscellaneous.												
41	Insurance	313	0	0	313	0	0	.....			313	0	0
42	Taxes	1,221	0	0	1,221	0	0	.....			1,221	0	0
	Total Miscellaneous ...	1,534	0	0	1,534	0	0	.....			1,534	0	0
	Establishment.												
43	Garden including Establishment ...	1,083	0	0	1,170	0	0	.....			1,170	0	0
44	Proportionate pay of Assistant Engineer &c.	1,184	0	0	1,126	0	0	.....			1,126	0	0
45	Sligo Hall Servants Estbt. ...	168	0	0	168	0	0	.....			168	0	0
46	Travelling allowance of State Engineer.	471	0	0	440	0	0	.....			440	0	0
	Total Establishment ...	2,906	0	0	2,904	0	0	.....			2,904	0	0
	Total Colinton & Prospect House...	6,258	0	0	6,819	0	0	.....			6,819	0	0
	Total Palace P. W. D. ...	85,521	0	0	57,072	0	0	321	0	0	57,393	0	0
	Unexpended Balance remitted to the Treasury.	7,729	0	0	9,485	0	0	.....			9,485	0	0
	Grand total ..	93,250	0	0	66,557	0	0	321	0	0	66,878	0	0

A. N. CHOWDHURI,
Offg. State Engineer, P. W. D., Cooch Behar.

Statement shewing the Repairs done to Roads &c., during the year 1919-20.

Item No.	Names of Roads.	Earthwork including dressing cft.	Surface repairs sft.	Turfing sft.	Wood work cft.	Corrugated Iron culverts rft.	Renewing Metalling. cft.	Railing	Planking sft.	Remarks.
1	Buxa Road	.....	4,78,769	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
2	Balarampur Feeder Road	11,262	2,14,250	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	
3	Cross Road from Mathabhanga to Shitalkhuchi ...	46,401	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
4	Ditto from Dinhata to Mekliguni	52,395	1,80,378	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
5	Ditto from Patgram to Bhutan	70,648	1,58,100	.....	305·65	.....	.....	.....	...	
6	Changrabanda Feeder Road	2,07,179	15,320	.....	54·00	.....	249·33	36	430	
7	Emigration Road west of Cooch Behar including the Dewanganj Feeder Road.	86,507	13,67,424	.....	54·00	.....	725·50	10	...	
8	Emigration Road east of Cooch Behar	39,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
9	Falacutta Road	.....	15,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
10	Feeder Road from Dewanhat to Balarampur	6,700	10,900	.....	10·00	.....	.....	.....	...	
11	Ditto from Cooch Behar to Shitalkhuchi including the track from Sibpur Bowrah.	1,00,391	1,58,400	.....	45·00	.....	.....	.....	...	
12	Feeder Road from Emigration Road to Patlakhawa ...	41,166	15,33,284	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
13	Gadadhar Road Feeder Road from Baneswar to Natabari ...	.....	7,400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
14	Janoki Tewari Road	40,418	2,58,747	.....	5·33	.....	.....	.....	...	
15	Kashiabari Feeder Road	81,626	12,800	.....	45·18	.....	.....	.....	...	
16	Kakina Road with branches	13,804	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
17	Katamari to Manabari Road	73,080	5,02,940	3,750	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
18	Lowkuti Road	2,67,882	10,60,774	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
19	Manikgunj Feeder Road	4,201	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
20	Metalled Roads in the Town and Suburbs	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
21	Ratherdanga Road	89,700	7,200	.....	.....	.....	8316·00	.....	...	
22	Roads and Bridges at Nilkuti	7,481	24,830	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
23	" " in the Suburbs	6,009	2,69,220	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
24	Road from Bhetaguri to Nazirhat	23,314	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
25	Ditto Changrabanda to Jamaldah	49,475	.....	8,8000	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
26	Ditto Chilakhana to Bhatibari	9,025	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
27	Ditto Cooch Behar to Garodhat	1,41,447	28,330	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
28	Ditto Dinhata to Buxirhat	.....	1,25,796	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
29	Ditto Fulbari to Chilkiguri	39,332	12,000	6,230	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
30	Ditto Haldibari to Bhowlagunj	56,577	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
31	Ditto Mathabhanga to Moranga	42,350	20,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
32	Ditto Mathabhanga to Falacutta	31,859	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
33	Ditto Sahebgunj to Bamanhat	12,940	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
34	Rungpur Road	12,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
35	Salbari Road	.....	7,020	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	
36	Village Paths	24,706	.....	.....	9·33	.....	290·00	.....	...	
	TOTAL ...	16,88,825	64,68,942	18,783	528·49	.....	9580·83	46	430	

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N.—*Statement of Roads and Bridges under the charge of the Public Works Department*

Serial No.	NAMES OF ROADS.	Width.	Bridges and Culverts.								
			Iron bridges.		Pucca birdges.		Wooden bridges.		Bamboo bridges.		Culverts.
			No.	Running ft.	No.	Running ft.	No.	Running ft.	No.	Running ft.	No.
	Roads.										
1	Buxa Road	20	3	325	1	12	1	25	...	.....	2
2	Balarampur Feeder Road	15	3	133	9	249	2	150	...	.....	10
3	Cross Road from Mathabhanga to Shitalkhuchi...	15	5	324	9	213	...	.....	...	.....	6
4	Ditto from Dinhata to Mekligunj ...	20	4	274	...	.....	5	177	...	.....	14
5	Ditto from Patgram to Bhutan ...	15	...	.....	...	.....	5	212	...	.....	6
6	Changrabanda Feeder Road up to Moranga *via* Ranirhat.	15, 10	1	132	6	63	2	97	1	62	6
7	Chowdhurihat Feeder Road	15	...	.....	3	33	...	.....	...	.....	3
8	Emigration Road west of Cooch Behar including Dewanganj Feeder Road.	20	11	1,329	17	415	...	.....	4	397	22
9	Ditto east of Cooch Behar ...	20	...	.....	3	39	5	79	...	.....	9
10	Feeder Road from Emigration Road to Patlakhawa	15	...	.....	2	23	1	60	...	.....	7
11	Ditto Dewanhat to Balarampur ...	15	...	.....	...	.....	5	131	1	52	8
12	Ditto from Cooch Behar to Shitalkhuchi including the track from Shibpur Bowrah.	15, 12	...	.....	2	12	3	150	3	169	15
13	Falacutta Road	15	...	.....	3	106	2	73	...	.....	1
14	Gadadhar Road (Feeder Road from Baneswar to Natabari).	15	1	20	...	.....	1	30	2	55	8
15	Janaki Tewari Road	15	...	.....	3	21-7"	2	82	...	.....	8
16	Kashiabari Feeder Road	15	...	.....	...	.....	1	75	...	.....	2
17	Kakina Road with branches	15, 12, 20	...	.....	6	180	4	227	...	.....	17
18	Katamari to Marabari Road	15, 12	2	156	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	6
19	Lowkuti Road	15, 20	2	305	6	182	3	38	...	.....	17
20	Manickgunj Feeder Road	15	...	.....	1	10	4	266	...	.....	.....
21	Metalled Roads in the Town and Suburbs ...	20	1	.....	2	30	...	.....	...	.....	4
22	Purbabhag Road	20	...	.....	2	28	1	71	...	.....	2
23	Roads and bridges at Nilkuti	20	...	.....	1	23	...	.....	...	.....	8
24	Ditto in the Suburbs	20, 15, 10	...	.....	1	4	3	28	...	.....	15
25	Rungpur Road	20	4	240	3	67	...	.....	1	25	9
26	Road from Mathabhanga to Morangja ...	12	...	.....	1	10	3	109	2	75	12
27	Ditto Haldibari to Bhowlagunj ...	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	3
28	Ditto Mathabhanga to Falacutta ...	10, 12	..	.....	...	.....	1	30	4	99	2
29	Ditto Phetaguri to Nazirhat	12, 15	...	.....	1	5	1	30	1	32	5
30	Ditto Dewanhat to Chilkirhat	10	1	20	...	.....	1	70	2	130	6
31	Ditto Fulbari to Chilkiguri	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	1	20	4
32	Ditto Chilakhana to Bhatibari	12	...	.....	...	.....	1	15	1	30	4
33	Ditto Cooch Behar to Garadhat ...	12	...	.....	...	.....	6	152	6	250	8
34	Ditto Baneswar to Sukundighi *via* Pundibari.	15, 12	...	.....	...	.....	1	48	7	140	9
35	Ditto Dinhata to Buxirhat	12	...	.....	2	8	1	15	...	.....	.....
36	Ditto Latkobari to Chowdhurirhat ...	12	1	23½	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	1
37	Ditto Shahebgunj to Bamanhat ...	10	...	.....	2	13	...	.....	...	.....	2
38	Ratherdanga Road	10	...	.....	...	.....	2	35	3	68	3
39	Ghoksadanga to Shukhandighi Road ...	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	4	62	1
40	Salbari Road	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	3
41	Kristapur Road	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	2
42	Road from Changrabanda to Jamaldah ...	15	...	.....	2	40	...	.....	...	.....	1
	Total ...	.....	39	3,281½	88	1,786½	67	2505	43	1,666	271
	Village Paths.										
1	Bowti Road	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
2	Road from Garadhat to Pholka	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
3	Balarampur to Chilkhuri and Fulkumar ...	10	...	.....	...	.....	1	25	...	.....	1
4	Balarampur to Chilakhana	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	1
5	Thubri-Teesta Road to Durgapur	10	...	.....	...	.....	1	10	...	.....	.....
6	Kheti-Mathabhanga Road to Moranga with branch to Kesherhat.	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	3	90	.....
7	Rungpur Road to Pamanhat through Gossaigunj	10	...	.....	1	15	1	12	...	.....	6
8	Pundibari Road to Sil Torsa	12	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
9	Road from Fulkumar to Nakkatigach ...	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	1	50	.....
10	Small roads including road to Hatibandha ...	15, 10	1	80	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
11	Path from Cooch Behar to Tokoamari Road to Baneswar and to Marugunj.	10, 12	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	3	100	6
12	Road from Abutara to Bamanhat	12	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	3	105	.....
13	Dhowlabari to Sissobtola	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
14	Path from Janaki Tewari Road to Ranirhat ...	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
15	Cooch Behar to Rajarhat	12	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
16	Debagram Road	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	1	50	.....
17	Marugunj Road	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	1
18	Chatni-Chilahati Road	15	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	2
19	Tinnerhat Road	15	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
20	Falimari Road and Bhatibari Road	12	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	1
21	Falimari Railway Station to Purbabhag ...	15	...	.....	...	.....	1	45	...	.....	1
22	Chenakata to Bairagirhat	15	...	.....	...	.....	1	8	1	26	4
23	Road from Katamari Road to Khagendra Nath Deota's house (Mainagurihat.)	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
24	Road from Noyahat to Dowagurihat ...	12	...	.....	...	.....	1	15	...	.....	4
	Total ...	.....	1	80	1	15	6	116	12	421	27

and Expenditure in the year 1919-1920.

Length.				Expenditure.			Remarks.
Metalled.	Embanked and bridged.	Embanked but not permanently bridged	Neither embanked nor bridged.	Original Works.	Repairs.	Total.	
.....	12	.....	.....	.....	661	661	
.....	18	.....	.....	739	145	884	
.....	12	.....	.....	.....	222	222	
.....	29	.....	.....	61	326	387	
.....	11¼	.....	.....	.....	1,114	1,114	
.....	12	9	.....	567	1,183	1,750	
.....	2½	.....	.....	.....	9	9	
1	40¼	.....	.....	441	2,263	2,704	
1	19½	.....	.....	389	312	701	
.....	11	.....	.....	1,219	1,011	2,230	
.....	7	.....	.....	.....	83	83	
.....	19	.....	.....	.....	1,040	1,040	
.....	6	.....	.....	.....	20	20	
.....	7	.....	.....	.....	23	23	
.....	.....	11	.....	776	300	1,076	
.....	2½	.....	.....	.....	356	356	
.....	35	.....	.....	453	325	778	
.....	9	.....	.....	.....	774	774	
.....	28	.....	.....	1,492	2,418	3,910	
.....	4	.....	.....	.....	19	19	
3¼	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,232	1,232	
.....	12	.....	.....	.....	141	141	
2¼	4	.....	.....	.....	168	168	
.....	10	.....	.....	.....	184	184	
1¼	29¼	.....	.....	.....	388	338	
.....	.....	16	.....	392	272	664	
.....	.....	2	4	.....	211	211	
.....	.....	4	8	.....	142	142	
.....	.....	8	.....	.....	143	143	
.....	.....	7	.....	1,600	4	1,604	
.....	.....	10	.....	.....	262	262	
.....	.....	8	.....	.....	28	28	
.....	.....	27½	4	614	961	1,575	
.....	.....	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	
.....	.....	6	.....	.....	38	38	
.....	.....	.....	5	.....	5	5	
.....	.....	3½	.....	.....	133	133	
.....	1	.....	4½	.....	426	426	
.....	6	.....	16½	.....	7	7	
.....	.....	.....	4½	.....	158	158	
.....	.....	.....	3	.....	7	7	
.....	.....	.....	4	562	252	814	
8¾	347¼	122⅝	53½	9,305	17,766	27,071	
.....	.....	.....	5				
.....	.....	.....	3				
.....	.....	2	12				
.....	.....	.....	6				
.....	.....	.....	4				
.....	.....	.....	11				
.....	6	.....	10				
.....	.....	.....	2				
.....	.....	.....	2½				
.....	.....	.....	4				
.....	2	.....	8½				
.....	3½	.....	.....	480	543	1,023	
.....	.....	.....	5				
.....	.....	2	.....				
.....	.....	.....	3½				
.....	.....	.....	4¾				
.....	.....	.....	4¾				
.....	.....	.....	3½				
.....	.....	.....	7¾				
.....	.....	.....	3				
.....	.....	2½	.....				
.....	.....	.....	3				
.....	.....	.....	7				
.....	.....	.....	3½				
.....	11½	6½	107½	480	543	1,023	

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

COOCH BEHAR STATE.

O.—*Abstract of Annual Statement of Expenditure of the C. I. Fund for the year 1919-20.*

Item No.	Name of works.	Expenditure for 1918-19.		Expenditure for 1919-20.	
		Amount.	Total.	Amount.	Total.
	Communication Improvement Fund.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1	Original Works	12,832 0 0		9,785 0 0	
2	Repairs	33,803 0 0		19,314 0 0	
3	Contingencies	360 0 0		360 0 0	
4	Rest House Establishment ...	971 0 0		1,040 0 0	
	Total ...		47,966 0 0		30,499 0 0
5	Profit and Loss	.....		82 0 0	
	Total C. I. Fund ...		47,966 0 0		30,581 0 0
6	Unexpended balance remitted to the Treasury.	.....	16,552 0 0	.....	25,110 0 0
	Grand Total ...	.....	64,518 0 0	.....	55,691 0 0
	Receipts.				
7	Communication Improvement Fund. ...	.....	371 0 0	.....	58 0 0

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CHAKLAJAT ESTATES.

Q.—*Abstract of Annual Expenditure for the Chaklajat Public Works for 1919-1920.*

HEAD OF SERVICE.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1918-19.		EXPENDITURE FOR 1919-20.	
	Amount.	Total.	Amount.	Total.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
ORIGINAL WORKS.				
Civil Buildings	1,595 0 0	.....	3,126 0 0	
Total ...		1,595 0 0		3,126 0 0
REPAIRS.				
Civil Buildings	3,674 0 0		2,753 0 0	
Communication	48 0 0		73 0 0	
Miscellaneous	56 0 0		48 0 0	
Total ...		3,778 0 0		2,874 0 0
ESTABLISHMENT.				
Establishment including Contingency.	579 0 0		335 0 0	
Total ...		579 0 0		335 0 0
Porfit and Loss	.....		381	381 0 0
GRAND TOTAL ...		5,952 0 0		6,716 0 0

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CHAKLAJAT ESTATES.

Annual Statement of Expenditure for Chaklajat for the year 1919-20.

Serial No.	PARTICULARS.	Expenditure for 1918-19.		Expenditure for 1919-20.	
		Total.	Annual.	Petty.	Total.
		Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
	Original.				
1	Additions to Debigunj Dispensary ...	78 0 0	.....	.....	.....
2	A Pucca Latrine with a separate urinal in the Manager's office compound.	196 0 0	.....	.....	.....
3	Pucca Latrine with arched roofing in the Manager's quarters.	241 0 0	.....	.....	.....
4	Ranigunj pipe well fn the Patgram staging Bungalow compound.	187 0 0	.....	.....	.....
5	Removing and reconstructing the cook-shed attached to Sonahar Tehsil Kutchery.	40 0 0	.....	.....	.....
6	Ranigunj pipe well for Philkhana at Debigunj.	208 0 0	.....	.....	.....
7	Purchase of two Corrugated Iron roofed structures of the Kaligunj Police Out-posts.	650 0 0	.....	.....	.....
8	Half-terracing the Boda Temple and partial renewal of the compound wall	.....	485 0 0	.....	485 0 0
9	Record room at Debigunj.	.....	2,641 0 0	.....	2,641 0 0
	Total Original Works ...	1,595 0 0	3,126 0 0	.....	3,126 0 0
	Repairs. *Civil Buildings.*				
1	Amlas' quarters at Jalpaiguri ...	113 0 0	117 0 0	.....	117 0 0
2	Boda Toke Kutcheries (10 Tokes)...	633 0 0	487 0 0	18 0 0	505 0 0
3	Dispensary and Native Doctor's quarters at Debigunj.	125 0 0	131 0 0	.....	131 0 0
4	Guesthouse at Debigunj	47 0 0	98 0 0	.....	98 0 0
5	Manager's Residence at Debigunj ...	291 0 0	821 0 0	.....	821 0 0
6	Manager's office Bungalow at Jalpaiguri	51 0 0	112 0 0	.....	112 0 0
7	Ditto ditto at Debigunj ...	225 0 0	335 0 0	.....	335 0 0
8	Patgram Toke Kutchery ...	125 0 0	75 0 0	.....	75 0 0
9	Philkhana and Mahoots' quarters...	160 0 0	49 0 0	.....	49 0 0
10	Rungpur Toke Kutcheries ...	367 0 0	270 0 0	.....	270 0 0
11	School Buildings in the Estates ...	100 0 0	97 0 0	.....	97 0 0
12	Staging Bungalows at Debigunj and Patgram.	289 0 0	298 0 0	.....	298 0 0
13	Sub-Registry office building at Boda	69 0 0	13 0 0	.....	13 0 0
14	Temples at Boda, Patgram and Purbabhag.	238 0 0	332 0 0	.....	332 0 0
15	Renewing roof of Boda Tehsil Kutchery.	315 0 0	.....	.....	.....
16	Repairs to two Corrugated Iron roofed structures of the Kaligunj Police Out-post.	249 0 0	.....	.....	.....
17	Half Terracing roof of Estate Muktear's office at Jalpaiguri.	195 0 0	.....	.....	.....
18	Thorough repairs to Bodeswari Thakurbari.	82 0 0	.....	.....	.....
	Carried over Total Repairs Civil Buildings ...	3,674 0 0	2,735 0 0	18 0 0	2,753 0 0
	Carried over Original Works ...	1,595 0 0	3,126 0 0	.....	3,126 0 0

Annual Statement of Expenditure for Chaklajat for the year 1919-20.—(Contd.)

Serial No.	PARTICULARS.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1918-19.		EXPENDITURE FOR 1919-20.	
		Total.	Annual.	Petty.	Total.
		Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
	Brought forward Original Works ...	1,595 0 0	3,126 0 0	.....	3,126 0 0
	" " Repairs Civil buildings.	3,674 0 0	2,735 0 0	18 0 0	2,753 0 0
	Communications.				
19	Station Road	48 0 0	73 0 0	.....	73 0 0
	Total Communications ...	48 0 0	73 0 0	.....	73 0 0
	Miscellaneous.				
20	Tangali Bund, Tanks and Wells ...	56 0 0	48 0 0	.....	48 0 0
	Total Miscellaneous ...	56 0 0	48 0 0	.....	48 0 0
	Total Repairs ...	3,778 0 0	2,856 0 0	18 0 0	2,874 0 0
	ESTABLISHMENT.				
1	Chowkidars and Sweepers for Patgram Dâk-Bungalow.	120 0 0	120 0 0	.....	120 0 0
2	Travelling & Contingencies ...	363 0 0	119 0 0	.....	119 0 0
3	Peon	96 0 0	96 0 0	.....	96 0 0
	Total Establishment ...	579 0 0	335 0 0	.....	335 0 0
1	Profit and Loss	.....	381 0 0	.....	381 0 0
	Grand Total ...	5,952 0 0	6,698 0 0	18 0 0	6,716 0 0
	RECEIPT.				
	Sale of old materials	7 6 0	4 7 0	.....	4 7 0

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TABLE R.—*Shewing the attendance of patients at each of the Hospitals.*

HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES.	In-patients.	Out-patients.	Total.	Average daily No. of in-patients.	Average daily No. of out-patients.
1919-1920.					
Sudder Dispensory	762	13,587	14,349	17·54	97·48
Dinhata "	117	8,958	9,075	2·55	90·25
Mathabhanga "	113	4,140	4,253	3·1	26·15
Mekligunj "	55	3,476	3,531	1·20	26·86
Tufangunj "	59	4,852	4,911	1·37	27·53
Haldibari "	61	6,717	6,778	2·27	34·18
Shitalkhuchi "	19	2,704	2,723	0·63	18·08
Nishigunj "	.....	4,008	4,008	.....	19·48
State Jail Hospital	181	.....	181	4·44	.....
Police and Military Hospital	322	.....	322	7·34	.....
Total ...	1,689	48,442	50,131	40·35	322·01
1918-1919.					
Sudder Hopital	770	13,000	13,770	19·51	94·55
Dinhata "	104	10,961	11,065	3·22	116·27
Mathabhanga "	116	5,175	5,291	4·91	35·06
Mekligunj "	72	3,618	3,690	1·88	29·50
Tufangunj "	38	4,393	4,431	0·97	26·02
Haldibari "	117	7,261	7,378	3·41	45·92
Shitalkhuchi "	23	2,219	2,242	0·71	16·58
Nishigunj Dispensary	.....	3,238	3,238	.....	15·34
State Jail Hospital	178	.....	178	3·80	.....
Police and Military Hospital	379	.....	379	7·70	.....
Total ...	1,797	49,865	51,662	46·11	379·24

TABLE S.

Number of Major operations, and their results, performed in the Sudder Hospital during the year 1919-20.

Number of operations.	Names of diseases.	Cured.	Relieved or Otherwise.	Died.	Nature of operation done.
2	Compound Fracture	2	...	...	Loose parts removed and put on Splint.
1	Gangrene Thigh	1	...	...	Amputated.
1	" Leg	1	...	...	Ditto.
39	Deep Abscess Thigh	39	...	...	Opened and Drained.
6	Cataract	5	1	...	Lens extracted with Iridictomy.
2	Abscess Crotum	2	...	...	Opened and Drained.
2	Supp. Hydrocle	2	...	...	Opened.
1	Deep Abseess Back	1	...	...	Ditto.
8	Carbuncle	8	...	...	Opened and scraped.
1	Illiac Abscess	1	...	...	Opened.
1	Suppurative Appendicitis	1	...	...	Ditto.
1	Stone in Bladder	1	...	...	Removed by Lithotrity.
1	Elephantisis Penis	1	...	...	Radical operation, in skin grafting.
1	" Scrotum...	1	...	...	Ditto.
1	Suppurative Knee Joint	1	...	...	Opened and Drained.
8	Hydrocele	7	1	...	Radical operation.
1	Mastoid Abscess	1	...	...	Opened and Caries bone removed.
1	Tumour	1	...	...	Removed.
1	Contracted Pelvis	1	..	...	Caesarian section.
1	Syphilitic Gland	1	...	...	Removed.
1	Stone in Urethra	1	...	...	Ditto.
27	Abscess Axilla	27	...	...	Opened.
1	Gluteal Sinus	1	...	...	Enlarged and Scraped.
3	Syphilitic Bubo	3	...	...	Gland removed.
2	Parotitis	2	...	...	Opened.
1	Ascites	1	...	...	Tapped.
9	Cellulitis foot	9	...	...	Incised.
2	Whit Low	2	...	...	Ditto.
12	Kala-azar	12	...	...	Intervenous Injection.
2	Deep Abscess Hand	2	...	...	Opened.
1	Ischiorectal Abscess	1	...	...	Ditto.
1	Abscess Buttock	1	...	...	Ditto.
1	Ankylosis Knee	1	...	...	Broken up.
8	Wound	8	...	...	Scraped.
8	Retention of Planenta	8	...	...	Removed.
1	Neglected shoulder	1	...	...	Evisceration.
159	Total ...	148	2	...	

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TABLE T.—*Showing the number of prevalent diseases and the results obtained in their treatment.*

DESCRIPTION OF DISEASES.	OUT-DOOR PATIENTS.		IN-DOOR PATIENTS.		RESULT OF TREATMENT OF IN-DOOR PATIENTS.					Total.	TOTAL OF OUT AND IN-DOOR PATIENTS.	
	1918-1919.	1919-20.	1918-1919.	1919-20.	Cured.	Relieved.	Discharged otherwise.	Died.	Remaining.		1918-19.	1919-20.
GENERAL DISEASES.												
Small-pox	.....	8	.....	6	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	14
Malarial fever	19,560	16,254	623	567	524	16	10	16	1	567	20,183	16,821
Cholera	11	46	24	11	5	.....	3	3	.....	11	35	57
Rheumatic affections	958	1,003	47	38	26	5	4	.....	3	34	1,005	1,041
Syphilitic ditto	125	149	27	29	10	12	6	.....	1	29	152	178
LOCAL DISEASES.												
Goitre	616	864	.....	13	5	6	.....	2	.....	13	616	877
Respiratory affections...	1,985	1,791	44	18	13	3	.....	1	1	18	2,029	1,8[illegible]
Dysentery	654	655	87	79	60	9	10	7	1	79	741	634
Diarrhœa	613	758	35	44	39	1	4	.....	.....	44	648	802
Worms	633	453	.....	4	3	1	.....	.....	.....	4	633	457
Spleen	1,341	952	24	20	6	8	3	1	2	20	1,365	972
Skin diseases	6,159	7,010	6	14	10	3	1	.....	.....	14	6,165	7,014

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TABLE V.

Shewing the result of vaccination operations.

			Years. 1918-1919.	1919-1920.
Total vaccinated			64,856	28,616
Males			41,100	17,854
Females			28,971	11,262
Christians			.....	30
Hindoos			47,570	19,928
Mahomedans			21,729	8,567
Other castes			776	96
Under one year			18,673	5,897
Above one year			51,402	23,219
Successful Cases. Out of 4 points	4		5,986	2,412
	3		5,402	1,626
	2		15,435	6,122
	1		13,577	3,623
Successful Cases. Out of 2 points	2		13,216	4,136
	1		7,824	1,863
Unsuccessful			3,416	3,759
Unknown			1,495	4,876
Total successful cases			61,440	19,981
Percentage of do.			94·73	69·82

TABLE W.

Shows daily average population of the Sudder Jail and all particulars about the Hospital.

		Years. 1918-19.	1919-20.
1.	Daily average population	118·94	137·02
2.	Admission on account of sickness	178	181
3.	Average sick	3·80	4·44
4.	Deaths	4	2
5.	Percentage of deaths	3·36	1·10

TABLE X.

Showing the sick and death rate of the Police and the Military Hospital.

Year.	Daily average of strength.	Police. Admission.	Police. Death.	Police. Daily sick.	Military. Daily average of strength.	Military. Admission.	Military. Death.	Daily sick.
1919-20 ...	241	94	1	2·21	130·90	288	..	5·13
1918-19 ...	245·00	88	1	2·80	150·04	247	3	4·90

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TABLE Y.

Financial Statement.

YEAR.	Dispensaries.	[illegible]	Contingent charges.	Travelling allowances.	Postage.	Diet.	Clothing and beddings.	Furniture.	Disposal of the dead body.	Cost of stationery purchased and distributed to others.	Total expenditure.	Cost of each diet.	Cost of medicines &c purchased and distributed to others.	Prescription fees.	Sale of medicines.	Sale of bottles.	REMARKS.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
1919-1920.	Sudder Dispensary	9,197 7 0	1690 5 3	260 0 0	.....	344 0 7	319 12 0	98 6 0	28 0 0	325 0 0	12,792 14 0	0 2 1·31	8,990 1 3	.....	.....	.....	
	Dinhata „ ...	1,288 0 9	190 10 9	9 3 0	5 0 0	166 0 8	.....	.....	6 0 0	.....	1,664 15 2	0 2 10	.....	87 4 0	131 8 0	3 8 6	
	Mathabhanga „ ...	2,352 0 0	257 5 0	41 4 0	3 7 0	250 4 9	.....	.....	3 0 0	.....	2,907 4 9	0 3 0	.....	62 7 0	40 7 6	5 0 0	
	Mekligunj „ ...	1,307 0 0	140 14 6	27 14 0	4 5 0	113 8 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,593 10 0	0 3 10	.....	69 2 0	77 2 6	2 1 6	
	Toofangunj „ ...	1625 6 2	159 0 10	77 9 0	4 7 0	101 5 8	.....	.....	1 0 0	.....	,1968 12 9	0 3 4	.....	100 8 0	93 10 0	3 11 6	
	Haldibari „ ...	1,630 12 4	201 14 0	97 6 0	6 6 0	81 5 11	.....	.....	13 0 0	.....	2,030 12 3	0 3 3	.....	28 1 0	97 2 6	3 11 0	
	Shitalkhuchi „ ...	984 0 0	88 7 0	12 6 0	3 0 0	61 5 9	.....	.....	1 0 0	.....	1,162 2 9	0 4 0	.....	.....	.....	1 4 0	
	Nishigunj „ ...	766 0 0	36 15 6	15 4 0	3 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	821 3 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 0 0	
	Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24,941 11 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
1918-1919.	Sudder Dispensary	12,047 0 0	1,887 0 0	717 0 0	.....	856 0 0	262 0 0	4 10 3	33 0 0	243 0 0	16,059 10 3	0 2 0	10,145 0 0	364 0 6	1,330 4 0	10 10 6	
	Dinhata „ ...	1,212 0 0	104 8 6	5 9 0	8 4 0	227 2 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,578 0 0	0 2 5·42	.....	163 3 0	162 14 6	1 7 0	
	Mathabhanga „ ...	1,640 15 0	86 9 0	77 6 6	3 0 6	291 11 9	.....	.....	1 0 0	.....	2,235 0 0	0 2 10·4	.....	53 3 0	35 11 3	3 6	
	Mekligunj „ ...	1,285 2 0	77 0 0	.....	4 7 6	182 0 0	.....	5 8 0	2 0 0	.....	1,512 0 7	0 3 2	.....	127 13 0	112 7 6	2 0 0	
	Toofangunj „ ...	1,188 0 0	61 11 10	95 6 0	4 1 6	65 3 1	.....	.....	4 0 0	.....	1,484 8 11	0 3 1	.....	81 5 0	59 9 6	.....	
	Haldibari „ ...	1,891 0 0	113 4 0	107 10 6	6 4 0	265 0 0	.....	.....	13 0 0	.....	2,376 0 0	0 3 3½	.....	28 0 0	97 2 6	3 11 0	
	Shitalkhuchi „ ...	968 0 0	97 4 6	3 0 0	3 0 0	58 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,129 0 0	0 3 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	
	Nishigunj „ ...	816 0 0	43 0 0	33 0 0	2 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	894 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	0 7 6	
	Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27,267 14 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	

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RAINFALL Z.

MONTHS.	1910-11.	1911-12.	1912-13.	1913-14.	1914-15.	1915-16.	1916-17.	1917-18.	1918-19.	1919-20	Total.	Average.
April	2·44	8·10	7·18	1·92	8·03	3·18	12·98	10·80	9·71	4·36	68·70	6·87
May	20·33	18·38	11·64	14·20	9·86	25·25	25·92	5·04	15·83	8·61	155·06	15·55
June	64·04	32·19	19·74	33·14	25·48	13·45	38·52	39·49	35·74	32·46	333·25	33·32
July	52·74	41·53	37·80	33·98	7·77	18·56	52·23	26·07	49·39	29·54	349·61	34·96
August	19·74	16·75	25·61	13·95	35·22	26·67	17·56	11·87	27·63	9·53	204·53	20·45
September ...	18·53	27·58	20·57	37·18	20·70	12·67	34·18	18·13	9·99	32·01	231·54	23·15
October	13·54	25·87	6·75	6·53	3·07	5·79	6·46	14·75	0·90	13·51	97·17	9·71
November... ...	...	0·16	3·77	0·03	0 25	0·14	0·03	...	...	...	4·38	0·43
December ...	...	...	...	1·32	0·11	...	...	...	...	...	1·43	0·14
January	1·64	0·05	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0·55	2·24	0·22
February ...	...	0·57	2·18	4·13	4·13	0·82	1·75	...	...	0·02	13·60	1·36
March	3·04	3·60	1·77	0·32	0·32	0·25	0·18	...	...	0·11	9·59	0·95
Total ...	178·04	174·78	137·01	146·52	115·94	106·78	189·81	117·15	119·19	130·70	1471·10	147·11

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FROM

MAHARAJKUMAR VICTOR N. NARAYAN,

Member, State Council, Cooch Behar.

To

HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA BHUP BAHADUR

IN COUNCIL, COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 4th August, 1920.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honor to submit the Annual Administration Report for the Education Department, Library and State Press for the year 1919-20.

Mr. J. A. Milligan, I. C. S., Vice-President, State Council, in the General Department, was in charge of these Departments up to the 14th January 1920, and they were then placed under my control.

As I have but lately been placed in charge, and as this report ends with the 31st March, 1920, I do not feel justified in making any remarks except that I am more than pleased with the work of the Inspector of Schools—Babu Jagadish Chandra Sen, B. A.

I beg to state that owing to continued absence every now and then of Babu Manindra Nath Das, Gymnastic Teacher, Jenkins School, the school suffers a lot in that Department.

I.—EDUCATION.

I.—Primary and Secondary Education

The following comparative table, shows the statistics of the different classes of educational institutions under the Department during the last two years :—

Class of Schools.	1918-1919.			1919-1920.			EXPENDITURE FOR 1918-1919			EXPENDITURE FOR 1919-1920		
	No. of Institutions.	No. of pupils on 31st March 1919.	Average daily attendance.	No. of Institutions.	No. of pupils on 31st March 1920.	Average daily attendance.	State grant.	Local sources.	Total.	State grant.	Local sources.	Total.
I.—*State Institutions*—							Rs	Rs	Rs.	Rs	Rs	Rs
Middle Vernacular	13	793	542	13	813	543	4,135	1,808	5,943	4,042	1,719	5,761
TOTAL ...	13	793	542	13	813	543	4,135	1,808	5,943	4,042	1,719	5,761
II.—*Grant-in-aid Schools*—												
Higher Class English	4	1,007	818	4	1,089	798	13,236	17,594	30,830	13,350	17,990	31,340
Middle Class English	15	554	375	15	573	380	3,711	5,647	9,358	3,936	5,853	9,789
Ditto Vernacular	20	1,020	707	20	922	657	2,603	2,827	5,430	2,651	2,758	5,409
TOTAL ...	39	2,581	1,900	39	2,584	1,835	19,550	26,068	45,618	19,937	26,610	46,538
III.—*Primary Schools*—												
Upper Primary ...	42	1,778	1,196	39	1,667	1,245	2,933	2,856	5,789	2,654	2,699	5,353
Lower Primary ...	154	5,119	3,524	155	5,146	3,516	5,733	7,888	13,621	5,898	8,256	14,154
Night Schools ...	10	168	110	8	125	82	267	68	335	216	56	272
Girls' Schools ...	4	60	47	5	79	56	115	30	145	142	54	196
Muktabs ...	4	70	54	5	83	60	115	174	289	142	240	382
TOTAL ...	214	7,195	4,929	212	7,100	4,959	9,163	11,016	20,179	9,052	11,305	20,357
IV.—*Private Schools*—												
Middle Class English	2	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	448	448	.....	512	512
Middle Class Vernacular.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Upper Primary ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lower Primary ...	74	1,912	1,242	53	1,435	1,002	.....	2,399	2,399	.....	2,045	2,045
Night Schools ...	10	127	78	10	99	73	.....	120	120	.....	140	140
Girls' Schools ..	3	36	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	72	72	.....	.....	.....
Muktabs	2	52	40	2	32	18	.....	48	48	.....	60	60
TOTAL ...	91	2,127	1,381	69	1,566	1,093	.....	3,087	3,087	.....	2,757	2,757
GRAND TOTAL ...	357	12,696	8,752	333	12,063	8,430	32 848	41,979	74,827	33,031	42,382	75,413

From the foregoing table it will be seen that on the 31st March, 1920, there were 333 schools of all classes with a strength and an average daily attendance of 12,063 and 8,430 pupils respectively, against 357 schools with

12,696 pupils and an average daily attendance of 8,752 in the year before. There was thus a decrease of 24 in the number of institutions, of 633 in that of pupils and of 322 in the average daily attendance during the year under report. A close scrutiny into the figures will show that the number of aided schools remained almost stationary, these showing only a decrease of 2, while that of the unaided ones showed a fall of 22, the resulting decrease being 24. The apparent decline points to the disappearance of ephemeral institutions, which owed their existence to prosperous times only.

2. *Progress of Education, as judged by the results of Public Examination.*—The following table gives the results in the several competitive examinations of schools under the Department :—

Class of Schools.	1918-1919.						1919-1920.					
	No. of schools sending up candidates.	No. of candidates.	Number Passed.				No. of schools sending up candidates.	No. of candidates.	Number Passed.			
			1st Division.	2nd Division.	3rd Division.	Total.			1st Division.	2nd Division.	3rd Division.	Total.
Matriculation Examination ...	4	37	20	12	2	*34	4	57	...	...	...	...
Middle English	17	63	6	16	9	31	13	51	8	14	8	30
Middle Vernacular ...	27	71	3	12	2	17	31	71	3	21	10	34
Ditto. for Females	2	2	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Upper Primary	106	347	10	58	97	165	79	241	15	53	72	140
Ditto. for Females	4	6	1	2	1	4	3	4	3	1	...	4
Lower Primary	233	642	317	163	...	480	235	649	345	176	...	521
Ditto. for Females	6	12	8	3	...	11	5	13	10	3	...	13
Sanskrit Tole	...	...	...	...	...	..	1	1	...	...	1	1
Total ...	399	1180	365	267	111	743	371	1087	384	268	91	743

* These figures were not returned last year as the results were not out.

From the foregoing table it will be seen that 57 candidates were enrolled in the year under report for the Matriculation Examination. The results have not yet been published. Of the 37 candidates sent up in the preceding year, 34 came out successful, 20 in the first division, 12 in the second and 2 in the third.

In the competitive examinations for Middle and Primary Scholarships 30 candidates passed the Middle English, 34 the Middle Vernacular, 144 Upper Primary and 534 the Lower Primary Examinations against 31 Middle English, 18 Middle Vernacular, 169 Upper Primary and 491 Lower Primary successful candidates of the previous year. The percentage of passes was 73·9 against 64·5 of the preceding year.

Four girls went up for the Upper Primary Examination and 13 for the Lower Primary. All of them came out successful, 13 being placed in the first division and 4 in the second.

From the Sanskrit Toles only one candidate was sent up, who passed the Examination and secured the Temple Scholarship of the year.

3. *The Sub-divisional Higher English Schools.*—The year under report showed the Sub-divisional Higher English Schools making steady progress in spite of the blasting influences of War and the epidemics, and it is satisfactory to note that their high level of efficiency was maintained throughout.

With the publication of the Report of the Calcutta University Commission a distinct aim was kept up towards further improving the staff in these schools and a trained teacher (L. T.) was appointed in the Mathabhanga Higher English School on increased pay, when a vacancy occurred in the post of third Assistant Master. The prize distribution ceremonies of the Dinhata and

Mathabhanga Schools were held under the distinguished presidency of Your Highness, while I presided over these functions in connection with the Mekligunj and Tufangunj Schools. The unsuitability of the school buildings at Mathabhanga as also of the attached boarding-houses received Your Highness' gracious consideration. The Geography class in connection with the Dinhata Higher English School received formal recognition from the University and permission was obtained to send up candidates to the Matriculation Examination in this subject. The Tufangunj Higher English School received provisional recognition for the third time and permission was obtained to send up candidates for the Matriculation Examinations of 1922 and 1923, the permanent recognition being held in abeyance till all the requirements of the University could be fulfilled. The construction of a boarding-house for the Muhammedan pupils, for which Your Highness was graciously pleased to sanction a special grant of Rs. 3,691 could not be taken in hand, owing to the threatening condition of the River Raydak, which is fast approaching the town.

The Educational Conference, convened in December last, discussed important questions in connection with the High Schools, *e. g.*, (1) Selection of text-books, (2) Introduction of Geography in all the classes of the Sub-divisional Higher English Schools, (3) Practical difficulties in class management and organisation, (4) Difficulties in the admission of boys from the Primary and Middle schools in the State into Higher English Schools and (5) Introduction of Drawing as an additional subject in all the classes from the fifth downwards. These resolutions were duly sent to the Vice-President, State Council, General Department, and on his approval steps were taken for giving effect to them. The Conference, as a matter of fact, is unifying the system of High School education in the State and its far-reaching suggestions are, in a manner, leading to important reforms in connection with Primary and Middle schools as well.

The following table sums up the statistics of strength, attendance and finance of the Sub-divisional Higher English Schools at Mathabhanga, Mekligunj, Dinhata and Tufangunj, as they existed on the 31st March, 1920 :—

Class of Institutions.	*No. of students.*		*Language studied.*		EXPENDITURE.				
						From Local sources.			
	Roll on the 31st March 1920.	Average daily attendance.	English.	Vernacular.	From the State.	School fees.	Other sources.	Total.	Grand Total.
					Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Mathabhanga H. E.	337	243	242	95	3,380	4,764	.....	4,764	8,144
2. Mekligunj H. E.	246	184	193	53	3,371	4,214	498	4,712	8,083
3. Dinhata H. E.	305	232	231	44	3,372	4,755	344	5,099	8,471
4. Tufangunj H. E.	201	139	168	33	3,227	2,867	548	3,415	6,642
Total ..	1,089	798	864	225	13,350	16,690	1,390	17,990	31,340

It will be seen from the above table that on the 31st March last, there were 1,089 pupils on the rolls of the 4 Sub-divisional Higher English Schools in the State against 1,007 pupils on the corresponding date of the previous year, showing an increase of 82 pupils. The increase was shared by all the schools, Mathabhanga returning an increase of 37 pupils, Mekligunj 4, Dinhata 23 and Tufangunj 18. The number of English-reading pupils in these schools also improved from 827 to 864. Of the total number of pupils, 842 were Hindus and 247 Muhammadans against 781 Hindus, 225 Muhammadans and 1 Christian of the preceding year. The average daily attendance

in these schools during the year was 82·6 per cent of the average enrolment, as compared with 82·3 per cent of the previous year. Pure natives of Cooch Behar numbered last year 494 or 45·3 per cent of the Higher English School population against 449 or 44·9 per cent of the preceding year.

The financial condition of these schools continued satisfactory, though the income from fees and fines in them showed a decline from Rs. 17,191 to Rs. 16,690, *i. e.*, of Rs. 501. The Tufangunj School showed an increase of Rs. 294 in the fee receipts, while the Mathabhanga, Mekligunj and Dinhata schools showed decrease of Rs. 81, Rs. 642 and Rs. 72 respectively. The decline in the average monthly roll number, which is attributed generally to the bad condition of the year and particularly to the starting of new Higher English schools in the neighbouring British districts, brought about the decrease in the fee-receipts of the Mekligunj School.

The total expenditure on these schools amounted during the year under report to Rs. 31,340, of which the State paid Rs. 13,350 and Rs. 17,990 was derived from fees and other local sources. The corresponding figures for the preceding year were Rs. 30,830, Rs. 13,236 and Rs. 17,594. The increase of Rs. 510 in expenditure was due to increased expenditure under 'Establishment' in the Mathabhanga, Mekligunj and Tufangunj schools.

The capital funds of these schools rose from Rs. 44,291 to Rs. 45,357, and there was also a local cash balance of over Rs. 7,032 in the hands of the secretaries. A sum of Rs. 1,000 was, during the year, added to the funded capital of the Mathabhanga School.

4. *School buildings.*—Some improvements were effected last year in the Dinhata School-building. The Sub-divisional Higher English School buildings were, as in the previous year, maintained by the Public Works Department.

5. *Managing Committees.*—The constitution of the Managing Committees of the Sub-divisional Higher English Schools with the exception of that at Mathabhanga remained the same as in previous years. It is necessary that all Committees should be well represented by gentlemen belonging to the State, and with a view to launching out on this scheme, I have reconstructed the Committee at Mathabhanga.

6. *Examination Results.*—The following table shows the results of the Sub-divisional Higher English Schools in the various public examinations :—

	Matriculation.					Middle English.					Middle Vernacular.					Upper Primary.					Lower Primary			
	No. of candidates.	Number passed.				No. of candidates.	Number passed.				No. of candidates.	Number passed.				No. of candidates.	Number passed.				No. of candidates.	Number passed.		
		I.	II.	III.	Total.		I.	II.	III.	Total.		I.	II.	III.	Total.		I.	II.	III.	Total.		I.	II.	Total.
Mathabhanga H. E.	16	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	4	.	2		2	2	...	..		..	21	15	6	21
Corresponding for 1918-19.	12	8	3	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	6	..	3	...	3	2	...	..	1	1	4	2	2	4
Dinhata H. E. ...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	...	2	4	1	..	2	3	5	5	...	5
Corresponding for 1918-19.	12	5	5	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	9	2	4	1	7	..	..	...	..
Mekligunj H. E. ...	16	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	3	...	3	2	1	1	..	2	1	1	..	1
Corresponding for 1918-19.	8	5	2	1	8	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	..	5	...	...	2	2	1	1	...	1
Tufangunj H. E. ...	10	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	...
Corresponding for 1918-19.	5	2	2	1	5	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

It will be seen from the above that to the last Matriculation Examination 57 candidates were sent up from the 4 Sub-divisional Higher English Schools. The results are not yet out. In the preceding Matriculation Examination 37 boys appeared, of whom 34 came out successful, 20 in the first division, 12 in the second and 2 in the third. The Special Scholarship of Rs. 15 a month for standing first in the list of successful candidates in the Cooch Behar State and the Bhuban Nath Chakravarty Scholarship of Rs. 3-8 a month for securing the highest mark in Sanskrit were carried off by the boys of the Mekligunj Higher English School successively for the last two years. As a mark of appreciation for the good results shown, Your Highness in Council was graciously pleased to sanction Rs. 50 from the State, supplemented by Rs. 50 from the School-fund, for rewarding the Head Master and some of his assistants.

From the attached Vernacular Departments of the several Higher English Schools 45 boys were sent up for the departmental scholarship examinations and of them 39 or 86·6 per cent passed, 24 in the 1st division, 13 in the second and 2 in the third against 80 or 60 per cent in the preceding year. These results reflect credit on the Vernacular Pundits of these departments.

7. *Discipline.*—Discipline was satisfactorily maintained in these schools during the year under report.

8. *Prizes.*—The State grant for the purchase of prize-books for the Sub-divisional Higher English Schools, including Your Highness' special prizes for native boys, continued to be Rs. 333. This was duly supplemented by local subscriptions. Your Highness was graciously pleased to preside over the Prize-distribution ceremonies of the Mathabhanga and Dinhata Schools. The Presidential addresses on these occasions were highly impressive.

9. *Boarding Institutions.*—On the 31st March last there were 164 inmates in the four Boarding Institutions attached to the Sub-divisional Higher English Schools against 150 of the previous year, showing an increase of 14 in the number of boarders. Of these, 114 were Hindus and 50 Muhammadans, natives of Cooch Behar numbering 77. The construction of an additional boarding-house for the Muhammadan pupils in connection with the Tufangunj Higher English School, for which a special grant Rs. 3,691 was sanctioned from the State, could not be taken up, owing to continual erosion of the River Raydak. Strict supervision was maintained over the conduct of the boarders by the resident teachers and the local Medical officers continued to give them medical aid.

The State paid Rs. 1,830 for the establishment charges of these Institutions.

10. *Middle English Schools.*—The growing demand for English education in the State led to effective measures during the year under report for increasing the efficiency of this class of institutions by revision of grants to the Sudder Model School, as also to the regular Middle English Schools at Maricha, Khagrabari and Upanchowki. The grant to the English Department attached to the Khety Model School was transferred for inefficient work to the English Department in connection with the Gitaldah Model School, which was working for over 2 years without any aid from the State. An English Department was also opened in connection with the Changrabandha Model School with only local support towards the close of the year. Your Highness was graciously pleased to increase the State grant for establishment charges of the Boarding Institution attached to the Haldibari Middle English School with a view to give the boarders the advantage of free medical aid and make the institution a more popular one.

The following table summarises the condition of the Middle English Schools in the State, as they existed on the 31st March, 1920 :—

	Name of School.	No. of students.		Language.		Expenditure.		
		Roll on the 31st March	Average daily attendance.	English.	Vernacular.	From the State.	From Local sources.	Total.
	1918-19.							
1	Gobrasarah	57	45	44	57	360	630	990
2	Kharkharia	63	41	46	63	300	490	790
3	Haldibari	96	61	89	96	576	796	1372
4	Soulmari	33	27	19	33	288	300	588
5	Maricha	74	45	49	74	444	444	888
6	Khagrabari ...	41	39	23	47	180	320	500
7	Upanchouki... ...	46	34	29	46	143	685	828
8	Bamanhat	78	51	54	73	300	544	844
9	Fulbari	65	32	28	65	180	470	650
10	Sudder Model ...	.....	.....	163	.....	300	453	753
11	Chilakhana ...	.....	.....	17	.....	100	30	130
12	Kheti	.....	.....	22	.....	120	120	240
13	Dewanhat	.....	.....	12	.....	120	120	240
14	Kotebhajani ...	.....	.....	61	.....	180	125	305
15	Sitalkhuchi ...	.....	.....	27	.....	120	120	240
16	Dewanbosh	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	144	144
17	Gitaldah	.....	.....	36	.....	.....	304	304
	Total ...	554	375	789	554	3711	6095	9806
	1919-20.					Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Gobrasarah	59	42	45	59	360	711	1,071
2	Kharkharia ...	67	39	39	67	300	462	762
3	Haldibari	104	66	98	104	624	853	1,477
4	Shoulmary	34	24	20	34	274	286	560
5	Maricha	75	45	40	75	477	471	948
6	Khagrabari	39	27	19	39	213	243	456
7	Upanchouki ...	54	32	26	54	203	637	840
8	Bamanhat	81	63	49	81	300	555	855
9	Fulbari	60	42	28	60	180	550	730
10	Sudder Model ...	.....	.....	151	.....	355	388	743
11	Chilakhana ...	.....	.....	14	.....	120	103	223
12	Gitaldah	.....	.....	37	.....	110	130	240
13	Dewanhat	.....	.....	15	.....	120	120	240
14	Kotebhajani ...	.....	.....	44	.....	180	218	398
15	Sitalkhuchi	.....	.....	28	.....	120	126	246
16	Dewanbosh ...	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	120	120
17	Kheti	.....	.....	19	.....	.....	120	120
18	Changrabandha ...	.....	.....	49	.....	.....	56	56
19	Per Meklijunj ...	.....	.....	35	.....	.....	216	216
	Total ...	573	380	771	573	3,936	6,365	10,301

It will be seen from the above that the number of regular Middle English Schools and English Classes attached to Vernacular schools was 19 against 17 of the preceding year. Of these, 15 were aided and 4 unaided against 15 aided and 2 unaided ones of the year before. The number of aided institutions remained stationary, while that of the unaided ones increased by 2.

On the 31st March last there were 573 pupils in the regular Middle English Schools in the State, as compared with 555 pupils on the corresponding date of the year preceding, showing a gain of 19 pupils. The number of English-reading boys in these improved from 739 to 771 or by 32. Of the total number of pupils in these schools, 307 were Hindus and 266 Muhammadans, against 322 Hindus and 232 Muhammadans of the year before. The average attendance in these schools was 72·7 per cent of the average enrolment against 71 per cent of the preceding year.

The expenditure on the Middle English Schools amounted during the year to Rs. 10,301, of which Rs. 3,936 was paid by the State and Rs. 6,365 met from local sources. The figures of expenditure for the preceding year were Rs. 9,806, Rs. 3,711 and Rs. 6,095. The expenditure on these schools increased by Rs 495, due partly to the raising of State grants of certain Middle English Schools and partly to the opening of 2 new English Classes in connection with Vernacular schools.

The success achieved by the Middle English Schools in the several scholarship Examinations is shown in the following comparative table :—

Class of Examinations.	1918-19.					1919-20.				
	No. of candidates sent up.	No. passed.				No. of candidates sent up.	No. passed.			
		I.	II.	III.	Total.		I.	II.	III.	Total.
Middle English	63	6	16	9	31	51	8	14	8	30
„ Vernacular	4	...	...	1	1	7	1	3	2	6
Upper Primary	46	3	16	12	31	34	5	12	8	25
Lower Primary	22	13	1	...	14	20	16	4	...	20
Total ...	135	22	33	22	77	112	30	33	18	81

The Middle English Schools in the State sent up last year 112 candidates to the several departmental Scholarship Examinations, *viz*, 51 to the Middle English, 7 to the Middle Vernacular, 34 to the Upper Primary and 20 to the Lower Primary Examination. Of the 109 candidates actually examined, 81 or 74·3 per cent came out successful, 30 in the first division, 33 in the 2nd and 18 in the 3rd. In the preceding year 77 or 61·1 per cent came out successful.

11. *The State Model Schools*—The following table gives particulars about the Model Vernacular Schools in the State, as they existed on the 31st March, 1920 :—

No.	NAME OF SCHOOL.	No. of Students.			Expenditure.		
		No. of pupils on the 31st March	Average daily attendance.	Monthly average.	State grant.	School fees and fines.	Total.
	1918-1919.				Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Sudder Model	205	150	193	787	714	1,501
2	Balarampur	51	42	54	358	68	426
3	Baneswar	45	26	45	285	63	348
4	Natabari	59	37	51	250	113	363
5	Chilakhana	56	31	51	238	120	358
6	Dewanhat	60	43	54	234	114	348
7	Gitaldah	61	47	60	292	110	402
8	Changrabanda ...	38	30	38	353	73	426
9	Pundibari	43	22	36	293	73	366
10	Kheti	37	24	34	269	49	318
11	Kesaribari	38	23	39	300	60	360
12	Shitalkuchi	50	35	45	225	100	325
13	Dewangunj ...	50	32	54	251	151	402
	Total ...	793	542	754	4,135	1,808	5,943
	1919-1920.						
1	Sudder Model... ...	195	152	197	781	684	1.465
2	Balarampur	69	44	57	355	71	426
3	Baneswar	50	33	51	268	67	335
4	Natabari	59	42	56	249	124	373
5	Chilakhana	56	34	54	255	111	366
6	Dewanhat	66	41	54	270	93	363
7	Gitaldah	65	48	57	285	117	402
8	Changrabanda ...	51	25	39	353	73	426
9	Pundibari	36	21	30	298	56	354
10	Kheti	30	17	28	259	47	306
11	Kesaribari	35	23	35	287	53	340
12	Shitalkhuchi	50	30	50	159	104	263
13	Dewangunj	51	33	48	223	119	342
	Total ...	813	543	747	4,042	1,719	5,761

The number of Model Schools in the State stood last year at 13 against as many of the year preceding. There were 813 pupils on the rolls of these schools against 793 of the previous year. Of these, 590 were Hindus, 222 Muhammadans and one Christian against 578 Hindus, 214 Muhammadans and one Christian of the year before. The number of pupils increased by 47 in 6 Model Schools, remained stationary in 3 and decreased by 27 in 4, showing a net increase of 20 pupils. The percentage of attendance in these schools was 72·6 against 71·8 of the previous year.

The expenditure on the Model Schools amounted last year to Rs. 5,761, of which Rs. 4,042 was paid by the State and Rs. 1,719 met from fees and fines. The corresponding figures for the preceding year were Rs. 5,943, Rs. 4,135 and Rs. 1,808. The total expenditure went down last year by Rs. 182, the State's share of the expenditure by Rs. 93 and the fee-receipts by Rs. 89. The savings under 'Establishment' on account of leave and some new appointments on minimum pay of the posts led to decrease in the State's share of the expenditure, while the decline in the average monthly roll-number brought down the income from fees.

The Model Schools in the State sent up last year 23 candidates to the Middle Vernacular, 43 to the Upper Primary and 42 to the Lower Primary Scholarship Examinations and of the total of 108 candidates, 2 were absent and 87 or 82·1 per cent passed, 28 in the first division, 44 in the second and 15 in the third. In the preceding year 49 or 54·4 per cent passed out of 96 sent up. The results reflect much credit on the hard-working Pandits of these schools.

12. *Middle Vernacular Schools.*—During the year under report the number of Middle Vernacular Schools was 20 against as many of the preceding year. These schools had 922 pupils on their rolls on the 31st March last against 1,020 of the previous year, showing a decrease of 98 pupils. A purely Vernacular School of this type seems to have less attraction now-a-days, and I think this accounts for the gradual decline in such schools.

Of the total number of pupils 603 were Hindus, 317 Muhammadans and 2 Christians against 661 Hindus, 355 Muhammadans and 2 Christians of the previous year. The percentage of attendance was 72·7 against 74·3 of the previous year.

The expenditure on these schools amounted during the year to Rs. 5,409, of which Rs. 2,651 was borne by the State and Rs. 2,758 contributed locally. The figures for expenditure in the preceding year were Rs. 5,430, Rs. 2,603 and Rs. 2,827 respectively.

These Schools sent up 21 candidates to the Middle Vernacular, 37 to the Upper Primary and 50 to the Lower Primary Scholarship Examinations. Of the total of 108 candidates, 76 came but successful, 40 in the first division, 22 in the second and 17 in the third. The percentage of passes was thus 73·1 against 58·3 of the previous year.

13. *Special Schools.*—The number of Special Schools in the State remained stationary at 3. There were 107 pupils on their rolls on the 31st March last against 121 pupils of the preceding year. Of these, 37 were Hindus and 70 Muhammadans. The percentage of attendance was 79·6 against 70·3 of the preceding year.

The expenditure on these schools amounted during the year to Rs. 606, of which Rs. 347 was paid from the State and Rs. 259 from the local sources against Rs. 488, Rs. 336, and Rs. 152 of the preceding year.

The number and average daily attendance of pupils in the Sudder Nagri School remained, as in the preceding year, at 30 and 23 respectively. The school sent up 2 candidates, who were examined in the text-books prescribed for the Lower Primary Examination of the Patna Division. Both of them came out successful.

The number of pupils in the Sudder Madrassa was 30 against 31 of the previous year, but the average daily attendance improved from 23 to 24. 21 boys were examined by the Maulavi of the Jenkins School at the time of the Lower Primary Examination and 14 of them came out successful.

The number on the roll in the Anjumani Islamia declined from 60 to 47, but its average daily attendance improved from 30 to 34. This school sent up 2 candidates to the Upper Primary and 2 to the Lower Primary Scholarship Examination. All of them came out successful.

14. *Primary Schools.*—The Primary Schools in the State are divided into four classes :—

(1.) The Upper Primary Schools,
(2.) The Lower Primary Schools,
(3.) The Night Schools, and
(4.) The Girls' Schools.

15. *Upper Primary Schools.*—On the 31st March last there were 39 aided Upper Primary Schools in the State against 42 such schools of the preceding year.

These schools had, on the 31st of March last, 1,667 puplis on their rolls and of them 1,245 attended daily on an average against 1,778 and 1,196 respectively on the rolls of the 42 Upper Primary Schools of the year preceding. The average strength of each school was 42·7 against 42·3 ofthe preceding year.

The expenditure on these Schools amounted last year to Rs. 5,353, of which the State paid Rs. 2,654 and the people, Rs. 2,699. The corresponding figures of the preceding year were Rs. 5,789, Rs. 2,932 and Rs. 2,856. The expenditure on these schools declined with the fall in the number of institutions.

The Cooch Behar Schools sent up last year 245 candidates to the Upper Primary Scholarship Examination. Of these, 8 were absent and 144 or 60·7 per cent passed, 18 in the first division, 54 in the second and 72 in the third against 169 or 50·7 of the preceding year.

17. *Lower Primary Schools.*—Last year closed with 208 Lower Primary schools in the State against 228 of the year before. 155 of these received aid from the State and 53 were unaided against 154 and 74 respectively. There was thus an increase of one in the number of aided institutions and a decrease of 21 in that of the unaided ones. The character of the year precluded many of the Ryots from either opening or maintaining a good many unaided schools and this led to the heavy decline in the number of unaided Pathshalas, which depend for their existence entirely on the support of the people.

The 208 Lower Primary Schools had on the 31st March last 6581 pupils on their rolls, of whom 4518 attended daily on an average against 7031 and 4766 respectively of the year preceding on the rolls of 228 such schools. The average strength of a Lower Primary School was last year 31·1 against 30·8 of the year before. It is evident, therefore, that though the number of schools decreased last year by 20, the average number of pupils in each did not go down.

The total expenditure on the schools amounted last year to Rs. 16,199 of which the State paid Rs. 5,898 and the people Rs. 10,301 against Rs. 16,020, Rs. 5,733 and Rs. 10,287 respectively of the previous year The State's share of the expenditure increased by Rs. 165, while the people's contribution remained almost the same.

The following table compares the results of the Lower Primary schools for the last two years :—

No.	Centre of Examination	1918-1919.						1919-1920.					
		No. of schools.	No. of candidates.	Absentees.	No. passed.			No. of schools.	No. of candidates.	Absentees.	No. passed.		
					I.	II.	Total.				I.	II.	Total.
1	Sudder	69	189	6	81	48	129	64	170	4	58	53	111
2	Dinhata	58	155	7	61	40	101	61	161	9	94	38	132
3	Mathabhanga ...	47	98	5	56	20	76	51	133	1	85	35	120
4	Mekligunj... ...	41	143	...	76	43	119	41	117	..	78	30	108
5	Tufangunj	24	69	1	51	15	66	23	78	1	40	23	63
	Total ...	259	654	19	325	166	491	240	662	15	355	179	534

Last year 662 candidates were enrolled for the Lower Primary Scholarship Examination from 240 Schools of all classes against 654 candidates and 239 schools in the preceding year. Excluding the 15 absentees, 534 of those that were actually examined, came out successful, 355 in the first division and 179 in the second. The percentage of passes was 82·5 against 76·9 of the preceding year. The results were satisfactory.

The superintendents of the Examination at the different centres distributed, as usual, the sum of Rs. 510 as reward to the Gurus and their pupils on the results of the Examination.

18. *Night Schools.*—On the 31st March last there were 18 Night schools in the State, of which 8 were aided and 10 unaided against 20 such schools, 10 being aided and as many unaided of the preceding year. There was thus a loss of 2 aided Night schools.

Last year's Night schools had 224 pupils on their rolls, of whom 155 attended daily on an average. The corresponding figures for the 20 Night schools of the preceding year were 295 and 188, so that there was a decrease of 71 in the number of pupils and of 33 in the average daily attendance. The decreases were mainly due to the decline in the number of institutions.

The Expenditure on the last year's Night schools amounted to Rs. 412. The State spent on them Rs. 216 and the income from local sources came to Rs. 196. The corresponding figures for the preceding year were Rs. 455, Rs. 267 and Rs. 188. The expenditure decreased by Rs. 43 with the decline in the number of institutions.

To the last Lower Primary Scholarship Examination 19 candidates were sent up from 14 Night Schools. Of them, 17 came out successful, 12 in the first division and 5 in second. The percentage of passes was 89·4 against 75 of the year preceding. Of the Lower Primary Scholarships one has been allotted to a successful candidate from a Night School.

19. *Girls' Schools.*—On the 31st March last there were 5 aided Lower Primary Girls' Schools in the State against a total of 7 schools of the previous year, which included 4 aided and 3 unaided institutions. Of the three unaided schools of the preceding year, one was given a new grant and the other two ceased to exist. The total number of schools for the exclusive education of girls, including the sub-divisional Girls' Schools, which have been returned with the Middle Vernacular Schools, was 9 and the total number of girls attending the several classes of institutions under the Department was 300.

The Lower Primary Girls' Schools had a roll-call of 79 pupils on the 31st March last and an average daily attendance of 56. The corresponding figures for 7 Girls' schools in the preceding year were 96 and 66.

The expenditure on the Lower Primary Girls' Schools amounted last year to Rs. 196, of which Rs. 142 was paid by the State and Rs. 54 met from the local sources against Rs. 217, Rs. 115, and Rs. 102 respectively of the previous year. The expenditure decreased by Rs. 21 with the decrease in the number of institutions.

The Girls' schools sent up last year 4 girls to the Upper Primary Scholarship Examination and 13 to the Lower Primary. All of them came out successful, 13 in the first division and 4 in the second One girl from the Mekligunj Girls' School headed the list of the successful Upper Primary candidates in the State and two won Upper Primary Scholarships in general competition with the boys. At the Lower Primary Examination one girl stood first at the Mekligunj centre and 2 have been recommended for Lower Primary Scholarships.

20. *Muhammadan Education.*—The number of institutions for the special education of the Muhammadans in the State including the Sudder Madrassa and the Anjumani Islamia was 9 against 8 of the preceding year. Of these, 7 were aided and 2 unaided institutions of the preceding year. These had, on the 31st March last, 192 pupils on their rolls, of whom 136 attended daily on an average. The corresponding figures for the preceding year were 213 and 147. The decrease in the number of pupils is noticeable in the case of unaided institutions of this class.

The expenditure on these schools amounted last year to Rs. 868, of which Rs. 369 was paid by the State and Rs. 499 met from the local

sources. The corresponding figures for the preceding year were Rs. 627, Rs. 331 and Rs. 296. The State's share of the expenditure increased by Rs. 38 and the people's by Rs. 203.

In addition to the Muhammadan boys that received a sectarian education in these schools, the forms of all other educational institutions for general education were largely attended by Muhammadan children. In a school population of 12,063 souls over 3,735 were Muhammadans. 11 of the year's Primary Scholarships were, in general competition, carried away by the Muhammadan pupils.

21. *Teachers' Provident Fund.*—On the 31st March last the number of teachers paying contibution to the Provident Fund was 59 against as many of the previous year. The amount to the credit of the Fund stood at Rs. 29,007. Of this amount, Rs. 10,148 is deposited in the Post Office Savings Bank and Rs. 18,000 invested in Government Promissory notes and War Bonds. The State cantinued to pay its annual contribution of Rs 500 to the Fund.

22. *Expenditure.*—The total expenditure on the Primary and Secondary Schools in the State amounted during the year 1919-20 to Rs. 75,413, of which the State paid Rs. 33,031 and contribution from the several local sources came to Rs. 42,382. The corresponding figures for the preceding year were Rs. 74,827, Rs. 32,848, and Rs. 41,979. The expenditure increased by Rs. 586 in the year under report against Rs. 436 in the previous year.

The charges under "Inspection and Control" amounted last year to Rs. 7,165 against Rs. 7,044, showing an increase of Rs. 121, due to sanctioned periodical increment to the pay of the Inspector of Schools and additional charges under 'Travelling Allowance' and 'Office Establishment'.

The miscellaneous charges including scholarships and rewards amounted to Rs. 3,133 against Rs. 3,541 of the previous year, showing a decrease of Rs. 408, which was mainly due to savings under 'Scholarships'.

A summary of all the sub-heads will show that the total expenditure incurred by the State for Primary and Secondary Education during the year under report amounted to Rs. 43,506, which together with Rs. 1,719, remitted to the Treasury as fee collections from the State Model Schools, makes up the sum of Rs. 45,225 against Rs. 45,241 of the preceding year. The budget grant for the year was Rs. 46,126 and an expenditure of Rs. 140 was sanctioned from the Reserve Fund of the Education Department for purchase of maps and chairs and of Rs. 177 from the provision under the head "Grain Compensation allowance to menials." Hence the total amount placed at the disposal of the Department came to Rs. 46,443. Deducting the total expenditure of Rs. 45,225, there remains a saving of Rs. 1,218, in the budget allotment for Primary and Secondary Education for 1919-20.

23. The following table shows the work of the inspecting staff during the year under report :—

Name of officer.	Designation.	Circle.	No. of schools under inspection.	No. of visits paid.	No. of miles travelled.	Amount of Travelling allowance drawn.
						Rs. A. P.
Babu Jagadish Chandra Sen ...	Inspector of Schools.	Cooch Behar	333	186	2795	629 0 0
,, Jnanada Charan Ghosh ...	Deputy Inspector of Schools.	Mekligunj	89	250	2572	537 0 0
Munshi Mahomed Akbar Ali ...	Senior Sub-Inspector of Schools.	Mathabhanga.	88	278	1697	242 0 0
Babu Aswini Kumar Pal ...	Junior Sub-Inspector of Schools.	Dinhata	91	244	2008	223 0 0
,, Umesh Chandra Roy ...	Circle Pandit	Tufangunj	65	228	1603	204 0 0

From the foregoing table it will be seen that the Inspector of Schools travelled over 2795 miles and paid 186 visits to schools during the year under report. Most of the important schools were visited by him and a close scrutiny was kept over the other schools, all of which were periodically inspected by the subordinate inspecting officers.

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24. *Number on the roll.*—The average monthly number on the roll was 439 against 381 in the preceding year shewing an increase of 58 or 15 per cent. The number on the 31st March, 1920, was 425 against 349 on the corresponding date in 1910, shewing an increase of 76. The highest number of students on the roll reached in October, 1919, was 468 against 404 in 1918, and was distributed as follows:—

1st year class	156
2nd "	147
3rd "	83
4th "	82
	468

The average daily attendance was 367 in the year under report as against 333 in the preceding year. This low average figure is, as explained in the previous reports due to the fact that the 2nd and 4th year classes do not sit for 3 months, (*i. e.*, January, February and March) after the Test Examinations.

25. *Admissions.*—Two hundred and ninety-six students were admitted during the year under review against 248 and 241 in the two preceding years, *i. e.*, in 1917-18 and 1918-19, respectively.

26. *Free students.*—The number of free-students on the 31st March, 1920, was 20 or 4·7 per cent against 19 out of 349 or 5·4 per cent in the preceding year. The decrease in the number of free-students is due to the fact that the number of free-studentships in the College was reduced to 15 from the year 1917-18.

The free-students were classed as follows:—

Natives	15
Other Free-students	5
Total ...	*20

* This includes also the boarders of the Rajgon Boarding Institution who are, as a rule, entitled to free studentships in the College.

27. *University Examinations.*—Of the 108, 18 and 59 students sent up to the I. A., I. Sc., and B. A. Examinations last year, 74, 18 and 34 students came out succesful as per statement shewn below:—

	Examinations.		
	I. A.	I. Sc.	B. A.
Number sent up	108	18	59
Number passed in the first division ...	32	12	...
Do. in the second division ...	36	6	...
Do. in the third division ...	6	...	..
Total ...	74	18	34*
Number of absentees	3	Nil	Nil

* Three with Second Class Honours in English, one with Second Class Honours in Philosophy, one with distinction and 29 in the Pass Course.

28. *Residence of students.*—The following Hostels and unattached Messes were licensed by the University for the residence of College students during the year under report:—

(1) The Collegiate Hindu Hostel.
(2) The Mahomedan Hostel.
(3) The Santi Kutir Mess.
(4) The Indira Kutir Mess.
(5) The Victor Lodge.

29. *Changes (appointment, leave, etc.,) in the staff.*—Babu Prafulla Ranjan Dhar. M.A. Professor of English, was granted combined leave for 9 months, *i. e.*, privilege leave on half pay for 2 months and 26 days and leave without allowance for the remaining period with effect from the 22nd July, 1919, and Babu Kshetra Lal Saha, M.A., Assistant Head Master, Jenkins School, was appointed temporarily to act for him on Rs. 150 per mensem, the pay of the post, with effect from the same date.

Babu Manindra Nath Das, Gymnastic Master, was on privilege leave for 2 months with effect from the 2nd January, 1920.

30. *Physical Training.*—The College students played Cricket, Football, Tennis and Badminton as in previous years. Sports were, as usual, organised and prizes awarded on the occasion of the Founder's Day Celebration.

31. *Discipline.*— was on the whole satisfactory.

All the members of the College staff did their work satisfactorily in the year under report.

The following comparative statement will show in a tabular form the receipt and expenditure :—

	Official year.					
	1919-20.			1918-19.		
Expenditure—	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Establishment	32,116	7	0	30,264	2	4
Contingencies	3,664	8	7 (*a*)	3,611	0	3
Total ...	35,780	15	7	33,875	2	7
Receipts—						
State grant	14,624	11	7	14,405	8	7
Receipts from fees and fines ...	21,156	4	0 (*b*)	19,469	10	0
Cost of Education per head ...	87	11	2	93	5	2
State share of the cost per head ...	35	13	6 (*c*)	39	11	0

(*a*) Includes Library and Laboratory charges, sundries, stationery, hot-weather charges, etc.
(*b*) Excluding Practical Class and Athletic Club contributions from the students which were spent on Chemicals and athletic gears respectively.
(*c*) It will be seen that the State share of the cost per head has still further come down to Rs. 35-13-6 as against Rs. 39-11-0 in 1918-19.

III.—Jenkins School.

32. *Numerical strength.*—On the 31st March, 1920, there were 558 pupils on the rolls of the School, including 31 boys sent up for the Matriculation Examination of the current year. This number was 593 last year.

This shows a decrease of some 35 pupils which may be due to the peculiar economic difficulties of the time. Of the total number, 512 were Hindus, 44 Muhammedans and two Christians.

The total number of Cooch Behari pupils was 130, of which 88 were Hindus, and 42 Muhammedans. This number was 145 last year.

There were also 547 local pupils of which 503 were Hindus, and 42 Muhommedans.

33. *Attendance.*—The average roll number in the session was 545·52, average attendance 464·34, and percentage of attendance 85·1. In the last year these figures were 564·3, 475·73 and 84·3 respectively.

In January, 1920, there were 130 applications for seats in the School; but we had only 105 seats vacant in the 1st, 4th, 6th, 7th and 9th classes. In January there were 63 admissions, and almost all the classes were full except the 1st and the 6th.

34. *The University Examination Results.*—In the session under report, 33 boys were sent up for the Matriculation Examination, of whom 27 came out

successful—14 being placed in the 1st division, 12 in the 2nd division, and 1 in the 3rd division. The percentage of success was 84·37. In 1918, this percentage was 57·14. 6 Cooch Behari pupils were sent up, of whom 4 passed—1 in the 1st division and 3 in the 2nd division.

In the current year 31 boys have been sent up including 2 Rajgons and 2 Natives. The result has not yet been published.

35. *The Scholarship-holders and Free-students.*—The total number of free-students was 59, of whom 9 (including 7 natives) were scholars, 3 (including 2 natives) ex-scholars, 12 Rajgons, 14 Rajgon boarders and 21 (including 10 natives) ordinary free-students. The percentage of native free-students was 76·27. This percentage was 65 last year. In matters of free-studentship the natives of the State were always given preference, and other pupils got the advantage when there were no deserving native applicants.

36. *Income and Expenditure.*—The total income in the session was Rs. 10,519-10-6, the total expenditure Rs. 17,295-8-9, the total cost to the State Rs. 6,773-14-3, the total cost of education per head Rs. 31-11-2, and the State share of the last item Rs. 12-6-8. The corresponding figures of the last year were Rs. 10,873-13-6, Rs. 17,475-3-4, Rs. 6,601-5-10, Rs. 29-7-9 and Rs. 11-1-1, respectively.

37. *Discipline.*—The discipline of the School in the session was satisfactory. There was no case of gross misconduct; the boys were regular and punctual in attendance, orderly and respectful in behaviour; and their manners were satisfactory in and out of School

38. *Physical Education.*—The total expenditure for Games and Sports was Rs. 1,026-11-7. Physical exercises were taught the manly games—Cricket, Hockey, Football—by the Gymnastic Master from the 6th to the 1st class. We had also usual physical Drill from the 5th to the lowest class.

39. *Staff.*—During the session under report Babu Kshetra Lall Saha, M.A., Assistant Head Master, was on deputation to the Victoria College from the 22nd July, 1919, to the 31st March, 1920. The post was filled up by gradual promotion down to the 4th Assistant Teacher; and Babu Asruman Das Gupta, M.A., in English, acted as the 4th Assistant Teacher up to the end of the session. Babu Priya Bhusan Roy, B.A., 1st Assistant Teacher and 4 other teachers were absent on leave and officiating arrangements were made to discharge their duties during their absence.

I regret to note here that the Head Clerk of the School Babu Sarat Chandra Roy died on the 15th January, 1920, after a service of some 35 years in the School. The 2nd clerk, was promoted to the post with effect from the 2nd February, 1920.

On the whole the teachers and the ministerial officers did their duties satisfactorily in the year under report.

IV.—Boarding Institutions.

A.—*College Boarding.*

40. *General.*—The College Boarding Institution has this year been formally affiliated to the University under the name "Victoria College Hindu Hostel" into which has been incorporated also the College section of the Rajgon Boarding Institution. It has thus become possible to divide up the number of boarders into two main sections, *viz*, (1) College Section, comprising the Rajgon and other College students and occupying the western wing and the central block of the Hostel and (2) School section, comprising the Rajgon and other school students and occupying the eastern wing.

41. *Staff.*—No change in its personnel.

42. *Health and Sanitation.*—On the whole satisfactory. One boarder belonging to the College Section of the Rajgon Boarding Institution had a serious attack of Erysipelas. The southernmost room of the eastern wing was utilised as a "Sick-room" throughout the year under report. It is gratifying to observe that the construction of a separate Sick-room is engaging the kind attention of the authorities.

43. *Diet.*—The quality of diet was somewhat below the normal due to the abnormal rise in prices of food stuffs.

44. *Attendance.*—Attendance of the boarders was regular and satisfactory. Strict and effective measures were taken to ensure regularity in attendance.

45. *Discipline.*—No serious case of breach of discipline was recorded in the year under review. It is gratifying to note that the moral tone of the Institution was not below the mark.

46. *Physical culture.*—The boarders were encouraged to take lively interest in the in-door and out-door exercises in the institutions. Many of them took active part in the College games and sports.

47. *Miscellaneous*:—(*i*) The construction of a pucca well has been undertaken and is very near completion.

(*ii*) The Institutions were visited by—

(*a*) the University Inspectors in February, 1920.

(*b*) myself in March 1920.

B.—*College Hindu Hostel.*

48. It received, as usual, a monthly subsidy of Rs. 25 from the State. The monthly boarding fee of Rs. 11-8 (including tiffin charges of Rs. 2-8 a month) was found quite insufficient for the provision of a normal diet to the boarders owing to the abnormal rise in the prices of food-stuffs throughout the year and occasional grants from the general funds had to be made to cope with the situation.

49. The average monthly number on the roll was 66 as against 60·91 of the previous year and 56·91 of the year before last.

50. Results of the University Examinations, 1919—

Section.	Examination.	Number appeared.	Number passed.	Remarks.
College section ...	B. A.	14	11	2 with Honors in English.
	I. Sc.	4	4	All in the 1st Division.
	I. A.	11	10	1st Division 4. 2nd „ 4. 3rd „ 2.
School Section...	Matriculation	2	2	1st „ 1. 2nd „ 1.

51. The following newspapers were subscribed for boarders:—

1. The Daily Bengalee.
2. Magazines—
   - (*a*) English—(i) The Indian Review.
     - (ii) The Modern Review.
     - (iii) The Wealth of India.
   - (*b*) Bengali—(i) The Bharatbarsha.
     - (ii) The Sahitya.
     - (iii) The Sabujpatra.

C.—*Rajgon Boarding Institution.*

52. The monthly stipend per capita was Rs. 11-8 including tiffin. This amount proved quite insufficient for the purpose and hence special grants had to be sanctioned occasionally.

53. The average monthly number on the roll was 19·3 as against 20 of the previous year and 19·5 of the year before last. The number of new admission was 6. Names of 7 boarders were removed from the rolls. There were 5 boys reading in the College and 14 reading in the Jenkins School in March, 1920.

54. Tuition classes were regularly held and attendance was fair.

55. Results of the University and Annual Examinations, 1919:—

College	B. A.	2	2	
	I. A.	1	...	Got plucked.
School	Matriculation	2	2	1st division 1. 2nd division 1.
	Annual	10	8	Successful candidates were promoted to the next higher class.

In this year one appeared in the Matriculation and 3 in the I. A. Examination

56. Three Magazines were subscribed. Library books (wall maps) worth Rs. 26 were purchased.

57. Athletic instruments worth Rs. 14-2 were purchased.

58. The receipts and expenditure of the year amounted to Rs. 4,562 and Rs. 4,001-15-6, respectively, showing savings of Rs 560-0-6.

D.—*Moslem Boarding Institution.*

59. The number of students on the roll on the 31st March, 1920, was 23 in both the School and the College Sections.

60. The average monthly number on the roll was 18·25.

61. The discipline of the institution was on the whole satisfactory.

62. The health of the boarders was generally good.

63. The sanitation of the institution was satisfactory.

64. *The Progress of the boarders.*—Two of the boarders appeared at the B.A. and 4 in the I. A Examination of 1919, of whom only 3 I. A. candidates came out successful. This year 6 of the boarders appeared at the B. A. and 7 at the I. A. Examination but the results are not yet out.

Three magazines were subscribed. Library books (wall maps) worth Rs. 26 were purchased.

II.—STATE LIBRARY.

65. During the year under report Her Highness the Dowager Maharani of Cooch Behar, C.I., and Srimati Isharani Nirupama Debi were graciously pleased to present to the State Library 2 Bengali books of their own composition and Mr. I. B. De Majumdar presented a copy of his book "America through Hindu Eyes" in English.

66. Statement A shows that during the year under report 12 English books against 19 and 41 Bengalee books against 38 of the previous year were purchased.

67. Statement B shows the number of Newspapers and Megazines subscribed or received free for the State Library. The weekly paper "*East*" ceased to come during the year. The Cooch Behar Annual Administration Report and the *Cooch Behar Gazette* are received free.

68. Daily papers were sent regularly to the Cooch Behar Club after the Library hours in the evening.

69. The Library continued to be well attended.

Statement A.

No.	Languages.	No. of books on 31st March 1919.	No. of books purchased during the year 1919-20.	No. of books presented to the State Library.	Total No. of books on 31st March 1920.
1.	English ...	8,447	12	1	8,460
2.	Bengali ...	1,310	41	2	1,353
3.	Sanskrit...	163	.....	1	163
4.	Urdu and Persian.	111	.....	.....	111
5.	Manuscript	118	.....	.....	118
6.	French ...	130	.....	.....	130
				Total ...	10,335

Statement B.

	Names of Newspapers and Magazines subscribed or received free.	No. of copy.		Remarks.
1.	Englishman	1	Daily	ubscribed.
2.	Statesman	1	"	"
3.	Bengalee	1	"	"
4.	Graphic	1	Weekly	"
5.	Illustrated London News	1	"	"
6.	Empress	1	Fortnightly	"
7.	Nineteenth Century	1	Monthly	"
8.	Fortnightly Review	1	"	"
9.	Contemporary Review	1	"	"
10.	Review of Reviews	1	"	"
11.	Modern Review	1	"	"
12.	Prabashi	1	"	"
13.	Bharati	1	"	"
14.	Sahitya	1	"	"
15.	Bharatbarsa	1	"	"
16.	Cooch Behar Annual Administration Report ...	1	Yearly	Free.
17.	Cooch Behar Gazette	1	Fortnightly.	"
18.	East	1	Weekly	Ceased to come.

III.—STATE PRESS.

70. *Charge.*—Babu Hemendra Kishore Sen Gupta, B.L., held the charge of the State Press till 15th October 1919, after which he resigned his post and Babu Gopal Gobinda Guha took over it and held it up to the end of February 1920 when he went on medical leave for three months. Then Babu Janoki Ballabh Biswas, Officiating Head Clerk and Sheristadar of the office of the General Department was in charge for the remaining one month of the year.

71. *Printing of Stamps.*—Stamps to the value of Rs. 2,44,163 were manufactured by the State Press during the year against Rs. 4,12,831 of the previous year.

72. *The Cooch Behar Gazette.*—There were 140 paying subscribers against 134 of the previous year and the number of copies for free distribution was 84, same as in the year previous.

73. *The Paricharika.*—The monthly magazine of the name was regularly printed from the State Press during the year under report.

74. *General Remarks.*—The Press on the whole worked satisfactorily during the year under report. Owing to the increase of work and to the way in which requisitions were placed it was difficult for the Press to execute the work in time. Inspite of these difficulties the requisitions were met as early as practicable. The Press had to work sometime during extra hours to meet the demand. It is essentially necessary to improve the present state of affairs in the State Press. The first thing wanted there is sufficient accommodation for which the work of the Press is badly suffering. Then up-to-date equipment should be added. Some rules and regulations should be framed in regard to placing the requisitions. At present very little time is allowed to comply with them. A detailed report will shortly be submitted dealing with all these matters.

I have the honour to be,
YOUR HIGHNESS'
Most obedient servant,
MAHARAJKUMAR VICTOR N. NARAYAN,
Member, State Council, Cooch Behar.

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To

HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA BHUP BAHADUR

IN COUNCIL, COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 31st January 1921.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Administration of the Revenue Department of the State for the year 1919-20.

2. Mr. Narendra Nath Sen, C.I.E., Dewan of the State, remained in charge of the department up to the end of January 1920 when he retired. Under Your Highness' orders conveyed in Council Office No. 1551, dated the 5th March 1920, the Revenue Department was placed under the control of the Vice-President, State Council. The immediate charge of the department, however remained with Babu Jagadbullabh Biswas, M.A., B.L., Revenue Officer, from the commencement of the year to the 7th September 1919 and again from the 2nd January 1920 to the end of the year. He was on leave from the 8th September 1919 to the 1st January 1920.

SECTION I.—LAND REVENUE.

3. The current demand of Land Revenue for the year under report was Rs. 16,04,256 and together with an increase of Rs. 5,053 due to resettlement concluded with retrospective effect, the arrear demand was Rs. 1,00,018. The total demand thus amounted to Rs. 17,04,274. The total collection was Rs. 15,81,932, but as it included Taufir or excess payment of Rs. 5,707 on account of future liabilities for land revenue, the net collection for the year was Rs. 15,76,225. The total amount of remission granted was Rs. 1,016. The net amount credited against the total demand of Rs. 17,04,274 was Rs. 15,76,225 and Rs. 1,016 or Rs. 15,77,241. The recoverable balance was, therefore, Rs. 1,27,033. The following table compares the figures for the last eight years :—

YEAR.	DEMAND.							BALANCE.				REMARKS.
		Bakeya or arrear demand.										
	Hal or current demand.	Amount of balance shewn in the statement for the previous year.	Increase.	Total arrear demand.	Grand total of demand.	Amount of collections.	Amount written off.	Out of arrear demand.	Out of current demand.	Total.	Amount of excess payment or amount which though not forming part of the demand is included in the collections.	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1912-1913 ..	14,16,563	19,875	5,033	24,908	14,41,471	14,24,015	2,063	5,816	14,803	20,619	5,226	
1913-1914 ..	14,19,008	20,619	1,365	21,984	14,40,987	14,22,047	2,156	5,206	9,282	14,488	4,704	
1914-1915 ..	14,31,614	14,488	4,516	19,004	14,50,618	14,32,728	2,172	4,700	14,610	19,360	3,612	
1915-1916 ..	14,35,727	19,360	1,807	21,167	14,56,894	14,35,406	1,133	3,385	21,314	24,699	4,344	
1916-1917 ...	14,58,365	24,699	6,018	30,717	14,89,082	14,63,299	1,014	10,280	15,583	*25,86	3,099	
1917-1918 ..	14,72,031	25,759	17,889	43,648	15,15,679	14,60,397	2,501	19,487	35,386	54,873	2,092	
1918-1919 ..	14,78,351	54,873	1,727	56,600	15,29,951	14,34,199	2,860	27,585	67,376	94,958	2,073	* This figure should be 25,759 due to rectification of certain mistakes.
1919-1920 ..	16,04,256	94,965	5,053	1,00,018	17,04,274	15,81,932	1,016	43,031	84,002	1,27,033	5,707	

4. From the details in Statements I and II appended to this report which refer to Mal and Debuter, it will be observed that as compared with 1918-19, the gross increase in the current demand amounted to Rs. 1,44,569 and the gross decrease to Rs. 13,664 resulting in a net increase of Rs. 1,30,905. For the sake of convenience of reference the different items of increase and decrease are shewn in juxtaposition in the following table :—

Particulars.	Increase.	Particulars.	Decrease.	REMARKS.
	Rs.		Rs.	
Increase due to re-settlement of Pergunnas Lalbazar and Mekliganj	1,25,895	Decrease due to relinquishment of jotes	1,06[illegible]	
Increase obtained by the re-settlement of time-expired jotes	2,563	Decrease due to jotes being declared Khas under Section 19 of the Revenue Sale Act ...	162	
Increase obtained by the re-settlement of relinquished jotes, Rs. 129 ...		Decrease due to diluvion Rs. 35		
Increase obtained by the re-settlement of Khas lands & jotes Rs. 964 ...		Decrease due to cancellation of lease of bad jotes. Rs. 5 ...	76	
Increase obtained by yearly proportionate enhancement of revenue of certain re-settled jotes Rs. 11 ...	1,119	Decrease due to acquisition of land for public purposes Rs. 36		
Increase obtained by re-entry in the Towji of Mahakup revenue or revenue held in abeyance under orders Rs. 5 ...		Decrease due to re-settlement of Pergunahs Lalbazar and Mekliganj	3,338	
Increase obtained by settlement at full rates of jotes held in half rates Rs. 10...		Decrease due to falling off of revenue from Syrat Mehals	9,028	
Increase due to rectification of mistakes in the Towji...	30			
Increase obtained by the re-settlement of Syrat Mehals	14,962			
	1,44,569		13,664	

5. During the year under report there was a net increase of Rs. (1,25,895 – 3,338) = Rs. 1,22,557, obtained by the Resettlement of Pergunahs Lalbazar and Mekliganj. There was also a net increase of Rs. 5,934 from the settlement of Syrat Mehals.

6. The next source of increase relates to what are called the "time-expired Jotes" from which Rs. 2,563 were obtained as against Rs. 2,293 in the previous year. These Jotes consisting chiefly of alluvial formations, are at first settled for 10 years and on the expiration of that period they are again resettled. The amount of increase obtained from re-assessment during the last ten years is shewn below :—

YEARS.	Rs.
1910-11	470
1911-12	627
1912-13	1,203
1913-14	957
1914-15	1,202
1915-16	1,135
1916-17	1,289
1917-18	3,221
1918-19	2,293
1919-20	2,563

7. The increase obtained by the resettlement of Khas and relinquished Jotes as well as by the enhancement of revenue under some other heads, as detailed in the table under paragraph 4, amounted to Rs. 1,119 as against Rs. 1,182 of the previous year.

8. The collections for the year under report amounted to Rs. 15,81,932. They fell short of the current demand by Rs. 22,324. But they exceeded the collections for 1918-19 by Rs. 1,47,733 owing to the addition of the settlement increase to the previous demand for Pergunahs Lalbazar and

Mekligunj with effect from the year under report. The collections thus exceeded the average collections for the preceding five years by Rs. 1,36,327. It will appear from the statement under paragraph 3 that the unrecovered balance is steadily on the increase. This is principally due to the fact that a large amount of revenue has fallen in arrears with the estates under the management of the Court of Wards. The following table compares the collections in each Sub-Divisional Office during the last two years :—

Name of Sub-division.		Demand.			Amount collected.	Percentage of collection on current demand.	Balance.	Percentage of balance on total demand.
		Current.	Arrear.	Total.				
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	
Sudder ...	1918-19	3,06,993	14,087	3,21,080	2,98,014	95·13	22,054	6·8
	1919-20	3,10,154	22,124	3,32,278	3,06,617	98·85	25,216	7·5
Tufangunj ...	1918-19	1,93,853	8,040	2,01,893	1,86,577	96·24	14,956	7·4
	1919-20	1,97,742	19,149	2,16,891	1,96,502	99·37	20,498	9·4
Mekligunj ...	1918-19	2,27,493	13,277	2,40,769	2,27,145	99·85	14,187	5·8
	1919-20	2,83,315	14,288	2,97,543	2,78,211	98·20	22,839	7·6
Mathabhanga ...	1918-19	4,10,580	11,956	4,22,536	4,02,030	97·91	20,414	4·8
	1919-20	4,57,676	20,500	4,78,176	4,44,420	97·10	34,153	7·1
Dinhata ...	1918-19	3,34,429	9,240	3,43,670	3,20,403	95·80	23,347	6·6
	1919-20	3,55,369	24,017	3,79,386	3,56,182	100·23	24,327	6·4
Total ...	1918-19	14,73,348	56,600	15,29,948	14,34,199	97·34	94,958	6·2
	1919-20	16,04,256	1,00,018	17,04,274	15,81,932	98·60	1,27,033	7·4

The percentage of collection increased in Sudder, Tufangunj and Dinhata and it decreased in Mekligunj and Mathabhanga. There has been an increase in the balance from Rs. 94,958 in 1918-19 to Rs. 1,27,033 in the year under report.

As shewn in the table in paragraph 3, the balance at the close of the previous year amounted to Rs. 94,965, while that brought forward in the accounts for the year under report was Rs. 1,00,018 shewing an increase of Rs. 5,053 which was due to re-settlement concluded with retrospective effect. Details are shewn in the following table :—

			Rs.
Details regarding balance shewn at the close of 1918-19.	1. Amount of balance shewn at the close of 1918-19 Rs. 54,873.	A. Amount collected during 1919-20	53,764
		B. Ditto remitted during 1919-20 ...	628
	2. Balance at the close of 1919-20 Rs. 40,573.	Total ...	54,392
	3. Amount which may prove irrecoverable out of balance shewn against heading 2		Nil
Details regarding balance entered in the Towji during 1919-20 owing to retrospective settlements.	4. Amount of balance entered in the Towji for 1919-20 Rs. 5,052.	C. Amount collected during 1919-20 ...	2,594
		D. Amount remitted during 1919-20 ...	.....
	5. Balance at the close of 1919-20 Rs. 2,458.	Total ...	2,594
	6. Amount which may prove irrecoverable out of balance shewn against heading 5.		Nil
	Total balance shewn against heading 2 and 5		43,031
	Total amount which may prove irrecoverable out of the balance shewn against headings 2 and 5		Nil

As shewn in the above table the amount remitted out of the arrear demand was Rs. 628 which together with Rs. 388 written off out of the current demand, made up a total of Rs. 1,016 or ·05 per cent of the total demand of Rs. 17,04,274. The remission was due to diluvion, acquisition of land for public purposes and other miscellaneous causes.

9. The total number of Jotes shewn on the revenue rolls was 25,575 against 25,597 of the previous year. There was thus a decrease of 22 Jotes. 6,611 Jotes were advertised for sale for recovery of arrears of revenue, out of which 432 were actually sold, while the number of cases in which the sale was annulled was 103 only. The amount of penalties realised was Rs. 4,569, of which Rs. 1,013 was paid to the auction purchasers.

10. There were 2,123 cases under the Public Demands Recovery Act, of which 1830 were disposed of and 293 remained pending at the close of the year. The recoveries amounted to Rs. 89,639.

11. *Canoongoes.*—Canoongoes Babu Rasik Chandra Gupta remained in charge of the Canoongoe's office at Sudder and Dinhata to work for a month alternately in each of those two places as in the previous year. Similarly Babu Suresh Chandra Das Gupta was the Canoongoe of both Mathabhanga and Mekligunj. The other Canoongoes, as in previous years, continued to remain on deputation to the Settlement.

Together with 147 cases pending from the previous year, the total number for enquiry by the Canoongoes during the year under report, was 835 against 850 of the previous year, shewing a decrease of 15 cases. Enquiries were completed in 711 cases and 15 cases were returned without enquiry. 109 cases remained pending at the close of the year. The number of cases enquired into in each Sub-Division is shewn below :—

	Total for enquiry.	Enquired into.	Returned without enquiry.
Sudder	293	286	9
Tufangunj	139	122	1
Mekligunj	121	108	3
Mathabhanga	151	133	...
Dinhata	131	112	2
Total ...	835	711	15

12. *Revenue cases.*—The number of institutions during the year under report was 3,982. Together with 641 cases pending at the close of 1918-19, the total number for disposal was 4,623, of which 3,961 were disposed of and 662 cases remained pending at the close of the year.

Name of Sub-division.	Year.	Total for disposal.	Disposed of.
Sudder ...	1918-19	981	759
	1919-20	947	803
Tufangunj ...	1918-19	771	650
	1919-20	776	704
Mekligunj ...	1918-19	526	461
	1919-20	747	619
Mathabhanga ...	1918-19	816	705
	1919-20	1,136	980
Dinhata ...	1918-19	708	586
	1919-20	737	632

13. *Cases in which the State is a party.*—Babu Satish Chandra Banerjee, B.L., worked as State Pleader during the year under report before he joined his appointment as Civil and Sessions Judge. Babu Rajendra Prosad Roy, B.L., was appointed State Pleader and joined the office on the 6th March 1920. There was no case during the year in which the State Pleader had to appear on behalf of the State.

14. *Nazarat.*—The following comparative table shows the work done by this department during the last two years :—

Year.	Process served free of charge.	Process for realisation of arrears of revenue for which fees are realised afterwards.	Process for which fees have been realised	Total number of process.	Amount realised.	Expenditure.
1918-1919	4,268	2,123	8,642	15,033	8,8 2 10 0	6,357 2 3
1919-1920	4,015	2,844	10,700	17,549	10,116 6 0	6,923 9 0

The total number of processes rose from 15,033 in the previous year to 17,549 in the year under report. The number of processes for which fees were realised having increased there was an increase of Rs. 1,613-12 over the figure for the year 1918-19. The realisation exceeded the expenditure during the year by Rs. 3,192-13.

15. *Communication Improvement Cess.*—The current demand during the year under notice was Rs. 1,946 against Rs. 1,940 of the year previous. This increase of Rs. 6 was due to the fact that Cess Towjis for the Mokarari Jotes bearing Jamas of less than Rs. 40 were opened at the Bhowanigunj Tehsil Cutchery during the year under report under orders of the Dewan of the State. The arrears amounted to Rs. 107 against Rs. 55 of the previous year. The total demand was, therefore, Rs. 2,053 as against Rs. 1,995 in 1918-19. Rs. 2,030 was collected during the year against Rs. 1,932 of the year previous. The amount of excess collection or collection made against future demand was Rs. 41 against Rs. 40 of the year preceding. The collection made during the year exceeded the current demand by Rs. 84. There was a balance of Rs. 64 at the end of the year.

16. *Crops and condition of the people.*—During the year under report the rainfall registered at the Sadar Station was 157·53 inches against 158·37 of the previous year. Details are given in the margin* shewing the distribution month by month. The rainfall during the year fell short of that in the year previous by 0·84 of an inch only.

April	5·08
May	6·49
June	30·04
July	48·21
August	10·19
September	41·10
October	13·51
November	0·01
December	....
January	....
February	0·74
March	2·16
Total ..	157·53

The seasonable showers in April and May facilitated the cultivation of the Bitri crop. The weeding operations were however retarded to some extent by the rainfall in June and July. But the scanty rainfall in August seriously damaged the crop with the result that the estimated outturn turned out to be 10 annas only. The price varied from Rs. 2 to Rs. 3-12 per maund.

The sowing and the weeding operations of the jute crop progressed favourably, but the heavy showers in June interfered with the healthy growth of the plants. The cessation of rain in August and in the beginning of September adversely affected the steeping and the washing of jute. But the heavy downpours in the middle and in the end of September improved the situation and the outturn amounted to 13 annas. The price ranged between Rs. 4 and Rs. 15 per maund.

17. The Haimanti seedlings were well reared in the nurseries as a result of seasonable showers up to July. But the scanty rainfall in August retarded the transplantation of the seedlings in great measure and withered those already transplanted. The cultivators took advantage of the seasonable showers in September to transplant the seedlings and the outturn yielded a crop of 10 annas. The price of common rice was between Rs. 5-10 and Rs. 8.

18. The heavy rainfall in September, on the other hand, caused much injury to the tobacco seedlings which had afterwards to be reared afresh in the nurseries, in several tracts. Despite the delay caused thereby to the cultivation of this crop, the light showers in February benefited its growth considerably and an outturn of 13 annas was the result. The price varied from Rs. 8-8 to Rs. 25.

The outturn of mustard seed was 11 annas and the price fetched ranged between Rs. 7 and Rs. 15.

19. There was a severe epidemic of Cholera in all the Sub-divisions of the State and small-pox also raged everywhere. The number of persons attacked with cholera and small-pox were 870 and 503 respectively, of whom 634 died of cholera and 93 of small-pox. There was no cattle disease reported.

20. Owing to the shortage of food-stuffs amongst the ryots, orders were issued prohibiting the export of the staple food-grains from the State. The local merchants who had stored up paddy and rice in their granaries for export had thus no alternative but to sell to the local people.

21. *Emigration.*—The following table shows the details for each Sub-Division :—

	Emigrants.	Immigrants.
Sudder	...	...
Tufangunj	76	151
Mekligunj	39	58
Dinhata	...	32
Mathabhanga	14	86
Total ...	129	327

22. *Tour.*—Mr. Narendra Nath Sen, C.I.E., Dewan of the State, was away from Head Quarters for 111 days before he retired. Revenue Officer Babu Jagadballabh Biswas was also out on tour for 7 days.

The period of tour of each Naib Ahilkar is shewn in the following table :—

	Total No. of days.	No. of nights passed in the interior.
SUDDER.		
Babu Sarat Chandra Ghosal	9	...
„ Nogendra Nath Roy	17	...
TUFANGUNJ.		
„ Dakshina Ranjan Dhur	65	12
MEKLIGUNJ.		
„ Uma Nath Dutt	36	10
„ Sarat Chandra Ghosal	33	7
MATHABHANGA.		
„ Rajani Kanta Phowmik	41	17
Maulavi Bazley Rahaman Sirkar	33	15
DINHATA.		
Babu Sarat Chandra Ghosal	1	...
„ Narasinha Chandra Ghosh	3	2
„ Uma Nath Dutt	27	17
„ Nirmal Chandra Mustafi	82	22

SECTION II—EXCISE REVENUE.

23. The Excise Revenue from outstills decreased from Rs. 83,492 in 1918-19 to Rs 75,128 in the year under report. The revenue from duty levied on consumption of Ganja increased from Rs. 36,711 in 1918-19 to Rs. 45,752 in the year under review. There was also an increase in the revenue from Opium. It was Rs. 15,300 in the year under report as against Rs. 13,800 realised in the year previous. The current demand of Excise Revenue for the year under report was Rs. 1,75,562 against Rs. 1,74,440 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 1,122. Together with an arrear demand of Rs. 15,576, the total demand was Rs. 1,91,138.

The collection amounted to Rs. 1,74,323 out of the current demand and to Rs. 1.974 out of the arrear demand. The total collection was therefore Rs. 1,76,297. Details are shewn in the statement hereto appended. The total population of the State according to the last Census of 1911 being 5,93,052, the incidence of Excise Revenue per head of population was 4 annas and 9·07 pies.

24. The table given below compares the collections in each Subdivisional Office during the last two years :—

Name of Sub-division.	Total demand for 1919-1920.			Total collections for 1919-1920.			Total collections for 1918-1919.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Sudder	60,925	0	0	60,882	0	0	63,403	0	0
Tufangunj	23,081	0	0	22,228	0	0	21,317	0	0
Mekliganj	32,474	0	0	32,474	0	0	31,199	0	0
Mathabhanga	30,678	0	0	29,562	0	0	27,7[illegible]5	0	0
Dinhata	43,980	0	0	31,151	0	0	28,850	0	0
Total ...	1,91,138	0	0	1,76,297	0	0	1,72,474	0	0

25. Except in the Sudder, the collections increased everywhere and the total increase in collections was Rs. 3,823. This increase in collections was due to the increase in demand and to the better collection under almost every major head of Excise Revenue.

26. The variations under each head of Revenue are explained below :—

(*a*) *Country spirit.*—The current demand decreased from Rs. 83,492 in 1918-19 to Rs. 75,128 in the year under report. Consequently there was a decrease of Rs. 7,594 in collection during the year under report.

(*b*) *Imported spirit.*—There was no variation under the license fees which amounted to Rs. 432 as in the previous year. The collection under license fees of denatured spirit also shewed no variation. It was Rs. 20 as in the year previous. There was an increase in consumption from 505 bottles in 1918-19 to 553½ in the year under review resulting in an increase of collection from duty which was Rs. 207-9-0 as against Rs. 189-6-0 of the preceding year.

(*c.*) *Ganja.*—The total demand on account of license fee was Rs. 36,262. The amount collected was Rs. 35669 against Rs. 34,064 of the previous year. The consumption amounted to 57 maunds 8 seers and 7 chattaks which exceeded the consumption for the previous year by 11 maunds 13 seers and 3 chattaks. There was a corresponding increase in collections on account of duty which rose from Rs. 36,705 in 1918-19 to Rs. 45,768-12-0 in the year under report.

(*d.*) *Opium.*—The consumption of opium amounted to 7 maunds and 26 seers and it exceeded that for the previous year by 30 seers. The collection from duty during the year consequently rose from Rs. 13,800 of the year previous to Rs. 15,300. There was also a small increase of Rs. 12 in the license fees which amounted to Rs. 3,785,

(*e.*) Nine licenses were issued to vendors of fresh Tari during the year under report and Rs. 45 was realised on account of license fees.

27. There were four cases under the Excise Act, out of which three ended in conviction, and one remained pending disposal at the close of the year.

28. During the year under report Rs. 3,212-15-11 was received from the Government of Bengal on account of compensation due to the transfer to that Government of Excise Administration of all the isolated Chhits of Cooch Behar territory in Bengal.

SECTION III—MISCELLANEOUS.

29. *Bundars.*—At Haldibari the total number of carts of all sorts brought to the Bundar was 53,003 against 57,284 of the previous year shewing a decrease of 4,281 carts. The decreases were noticeable under jute and bamboo carts. The number of carts carrying gunny rose from 115 to 235 and those carrying tobacco from 4,536 to 4,883. The decrease in the total number of carts accounts for the decrease in the collection of tolls which declined to Rs. 6,637-12 against Rs. 7,170-12 of the previous year. The expenditure rose to Rs. 1,435-14-10 as against Rs. 1,237-9-9 in 1916-19. The net gain to the State was, therefore, Rs. 5,201-13-2. The exports of jute and tobacco from the Calicagunj Bundar at Mathabhanga fell off from those of the previous year. 13,273 maunds of jute and 33,117 maunds of tobacco were exported from the Bundar against 15,213 and 51,759 maunds respectively of the previous year.

30. *Fairs.*—The total collection of tolls at the Garod Hât, Fulbari and the Mekligunj Fairs amounted to Rs. 650 against Rs. 674 of the previous year. The collection for Rashmela during the year under report amounted to Rs. 3,185 against nil in the previous year, as no *Mela* could be held that year owing to the prevalence of Influenza. There were also fairs held at Dinhata and Haldibari as usual. But the collections at these two fairs are made over to the Town Committees. The Gadadhar Mela was held in Taluk Ambari at the confluence of the Kaljani and the Gadadhar River and the income derived from it was Rs. 341 as in the previous year. A new fair was started at Changradanda in the Sub-division of Mekligunj during the year under report. Its income amounted to Rs. 350.

31. *Cooch Behar Town.*—The current demand of land revenue in the town was Rs. 29,698 against Rs. 26,600 of the previous year. This increase was due to the addition of the receipts from the Rashmela during the year under report; whereas there were no such receipts in the previous year. Together with an arrear demand of Rs. 1,406 the total demand was Rs. 31,104 out of which Rs. 29,416 was collected inclusive of an excess payment of Rs. 70, Rs. 5 was written off and the balance thus left at the close of the year was Rs. 1,753.

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YOUR HIGHNESS'
Most obedient servant,
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REVENUE STATEMENT No. I.—*Statement of Demands, Collections and Balances of Land Revenue (Mál) for the year* 1919-20.

Name of Mehals.	DEMANDS.			COLLECTIONS.			REMISSIONS.			BALANCES.			PAID IN EXCESS.		
	Present year.	Previous year	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. P. A.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P
Estates permanently settled or Mokarari Estates..	8,116 0 11	30 7 5	8,196 8 7	8,146 9 11	.....	8,146 9 11	.....	.....	.....	19 7 1	30 7 8	49 14 9	0 0 1	.....	0 0 1
Estates not permanently settled ..	13,13,298 5 6	69,322 6 3	13,92,570 11 9	12,65,911 5 5	38,722 15 2	13,04,634 4 7	8 6 10	149 14 7	158 5 5	62,399 15 0	30,449 8 6	92,849 7 6	5,071 5 9	.....	5,071 5 9
TOTAL ...	13,21,414 6 5	69,352 13 11	14,00,767 4 4	12,74,057 15 4	38,722 15 2	13,12,780 14 6	8 6 10	149 14 7	158 5 5	62,419 6 1	30,480 0 2	92,899 6 3	5,071 5 10	.....	5,071 5 10
Syrat Mehals ..	1,53,078 11 1	25,935 10 7	1,79,014 5 8	13,6,491 11 9	14,030 5 11	1,50,522 1 8	379 0 0	478 8 0	867 8 0	16,811 10 4	11,426 12 8	28,238 7 0	603 11 0	.....	603 11 0
GRAND TOTAL ..	(a) 14,84,493 1 6	(b) 95,288 8 6	15,79,781 10 0	14,10,549 11 1	52,753 5 1	(c) 14,63,303 0 2	387 6 10	628 6 7	(d) 1,015 13 5	79,231 0 5	41,906 12 10	1,21,137 13 3	5,675 0 10	.....	5,675 0 10

EXPLANATIONS.

(a.)—The current demand for the year was Rs. 14,84,493-1-6 against Rs. 13,57,639-2-11 of the previous year. The gross increase amounts to Rs. 1,40,318-9-10 and the decrease to Rs. 13,464-11-3. There was thus a net increase of Rs. 1,26,853-14-7 The details are given below :—

INCREASE.

	Rs. A. P.
Increase due to re settlement of Khas jotes	78 14 10
Ditto due to re-settlement of relinquished jotes	128 13 0
Ditto due to re-settlement of Perganas Lalbazar and Mekligunj	1,21,919 0 6
Ditto due to re-settlement of Khas land	835 6 9
Ditto due to re-settlement of time-expired jotes	2,563 3 2
Ditto due to annual increment in the Touji	19 9 11
Ditto due to settlement at full rates of jotes held in half rates	10 0 0
Ditto due to rectification of mistakes in the Touji	39 1 9
Ditto due to Mahakup settlement	5 0 2
Ditto due to re-settlement of Syrat mehals at favourable jumas	14,687 8 6
Total ..	1,40,318 9 10
Deduct decrease	13,464 11 3
Net increase	1,26,853 14 7

DECREASE.

	Rs. A. P
Decrease due to relinquishment of Jotes	1,040 7 6
Ditto jotes declared Khash under section 19 of the Revenue Sale Act	162 6 7
Ditto acquisition of land for public purposes	35 9 0
Ditto Cancellation of lease of bad jotes	5 2 0
Ditto diluvion	34 13 11
Ditto Re-settlement	3,308 0 2
Ditto re-settlement of Syrat Mehals at reduced Jamas	8,878 4 1
TOTAL ...	13,464 11 3

(b.)—Total balance shewn at the close of the previous year Arrears brought forward in this statement .. 90,248 6 0

Increase mainly due to settlement with retrospective effect ... 5,040 2 6

(c.)—The total collections include excess payments, which form no part of the demand. These payments should be deducted in order to strike the balance correctly.

(d.) *Vide* Council Office No. dated

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REVENUE STATEMET No. II.—*Statement of Demands, Collections and Balances of Land Revenue (Debutter) for the year 1919-1920.*

Name of Mehal.	DEMANDS.			COLLECTIONS.			REMISSIONS.			BALANCES.			PAID IN EXCESS.		
	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P
Estates permanently settled or Mokarari Mehals.	32 15 4	.....	32 15 4	32 15 4	....	32 15 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Estates not permanently settled	1,11,197 1 0	4,213 10 4	1,15,410 11 4	1,07,581 10 1	3,089 6 11	1,10,671 1 0	.....	.....	.....	3,647 10 11	1,124 3 5	4,771 14 4	32 4 0	.....	32 4 0
TOTAL ..	1,11,230 0 4	4,213 10 4	1,15,443 10 8	1,07,614 9 5	3,089 6 11	1,10,703 0 4	.....	.....	.....	3,647 10 11	1,124 3 5	4,771 14 4	32 4 0	.....	32 4 0
Syrat mehals	8,533 0 0	515 8 0	9,048 8 0	7,409 7 0	515 8 0	7,924 15 0	.....	.....	.....	1,123 9 0	.....	1,123 9 0	.....	.....	.....
GRAND TOTAL ..	(a) 1,19,763 0 4	4,729 2 4	1,24,492 2 8	1,15,024 0 5	3,604 14 11	(b) 1,18,628 15 4	.....	.....	.....	4,771 3 11	1,124 3 5	5,895 7 4	32 4 0	.....	32 4 0

EXPLANATIONS:

(a)—The current demand for the year is Rs. 1,19,763-0-4 against Rs. 1,15,711-13-7 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 4,051-0-9 which is chiefly attributable to the increase in Jumma obtained by the re-settlement of Perganas Lalbazar and Mekliganj. The details are given below:—

INCREASE.

	Rs. A. P.
Increase due to re-settlement of Perganas Lalbazar and Mekliganj	3,976 3 0
Ditto settlement of Syrat Mehals at favourable jumas	274 0 0
Total ..	4,250 3 0
Deduct decrease ..	199 2 3
Net increase ...	4,051 0 9

DECREASE.

	Rs. A. P
Decrease due to relinquishment of jotes	19 3 9
Ditto re-settlement	29 14 6
Ditto Settlement of Syrat Mehals	150 0 0
Total ..	199 2 3

(b)—Total collections include excess payments which form no part of the demand. These payments should therefore, be deducted in order to strike the balance correctly.

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REVENUE STATEMENT No. III.—*Statement of Demands, Collections, Remissions and Balances of Excise Revenue for the year 1919-20.*

EXCISEABLE ARTICLES.	DEMANDS.			COLLECTIONS.			REMISSIONS.	BALANCES.		
	Current.	Arrear.	Total.	Current.	Arrear.	Total.		Current	Arrear.	Total.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Tax of Out-still shops of country spirit	75,128 0 0	13,850 14 0	88,978 14 0	74,011 11 6	739 0 0	74,750 11 6	.....	1,116 4 6	13,111 14 0	14,228 2 6
Do. of fresh Tari	45 0 0	.....	45 0 0	45 0 0	.....	45 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
License-fee of imported liquor shops ...	432 0 0	.....	432 0 0	432 0 0	.....	432 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ditto denatured spirit shops ...	20 0 0	.....	20 0 0	20 0 0	.....	20 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Duty on Ganja	45,752 8 0	16 4 0	45,768 12 0	45,752 8 0	16 4 0	45,768 12 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
License-fees of Ganja shops	34,637 0 0	1,625 0 0	36,262 0 0	34,516 0 0	1,153 0 0	35,669 0 0	.....	121 0 0	472 0 0	593 0 0
Ditto of Opium „	3,721 0 0	84 0 0	3,805 0 0	3,719 0 0	66 0 0	3,785 0 0	.....	2 0 0	18 0 0	20 0 0
Duty on Opium	15,300 0 0	.....	15,300 0 0	15,300 0 0	.....	15,300 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Duty on imported spirit	207 9 0	.....	207 9 0	207 9 0	.....	207 9 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Miscellaneous collections	319 1 3	.....	319 1 3	319 1 3	.....	319 1 3	.....	.....	.....	.....
TOTAL ...	1,75,562 2 3	15,575 2 0	1,91,138 4 3	1,74,322 13 9	1,974 4 0	1,76,297 1 9	.....	1,239 4 6	13,601 14 0	14,841 2 6

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FROM

H. J. TWYNAM, ESQ., B. A., I. C. S.,

Vice-President, State Council, Settlement Department.

To

HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA BHUP BAHADUR IN COUNCIL, COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 22nd December 1920.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Administration of the Settlement Department of the State for the year 1919-20.

2. The Settlement Department was under the direct supervision of Mr. N. N. Sen, BAR-AT-LAW, C.I.E., from the 1st April 1919 to the 13th January, 1920 when Mr. J. A. Milligan, M.A. I.C.S., Vice-President, State Council, took charge of the Department. On Mr. J. A. Milligan's retirement his successor Mr. H. J. Twynam, B.A., I.C.S., was incharge from the 3rd March 1920 to the 31st March 1920.

3. Messrs I. B. De Mojumdar, A. Dutt and A. Ahmed continued to work as Assistant Settlement Officers throughout the year under report. During the field season of 1919-20, Mr. I. B. De Majumdar was placed in charge of the office and of the work at the Head-Quarters. Mr. A. Dutt was deputed to help the boundary Commissioner, Major F. C. Hirst, I.A., in connection with the Settlement of the boundary dispute between the Jalpaiguri District and the Cooch Behar State and Mr. A. Ahmed was in charge of the Badar work of Perganas Cooch Behar and Mathabhanga.

4. The Drawing and Area sections were under the charge of Mr. A Dutt from the beginning of the year up to the 10th December 1919 and for the rest of the financial year under Mr. I. B. De Majumdar. The Terij Section was under the Assistant Settlement Officers in charge of circles, till the 28th January 1920. From that date the work in the Terij Section of all the circles was placed incharge of Mr. I. B. De Majumdar. The tables below shows the work done in connection with the preparation of papers:—

(a) Drawing Section.

No. of Taluks and sheets of which the boundaries and margins compared and inked.	No. of Taluks	...	...	59
	No. of sheets	...	...	156
Touching up with numbers ...	No. of Taluks	...	...	66
	No. of sheets	...	...	159
	No. of plots	...	...	1,12,260
No. of sheets and Taluks in which Alamats have been put.	No. of Taluks	...	...	186
	No. of sheets	...	...	370
	No. of plots	...	..	2,74,640
Printing of headings, adjoining names of Taluk and North lines.	No. of Taluks	...	...	78
	No. of sheets	...	...	158
Printing of border and station points.	No. of Taluks	...	...	214
	No. of sheets	...	...	413
Sheets sent to Calcutta for reproduction.	No. of sheets	...	...	567
Visual comparison	No. of Taluks	...	...	298
	No. of sheets	..	...	531
	No. of plots	..	...	3,60,099
No. of sheets of which vandyked copies were received.	No. of sheets	...	...	351

(*b*) *4" Reproduction work.*

No. of sheets and Taluks pentagraphed ...	No. of Taluks ...	154
	No. of sheets ..	250
Checking of the above	No. of Taluks ...	143
	No. of Sheets ...	197
No. of sheets and Taluks inked up	No. of Taluks ...	9
	No. of sheets ...	15
No. of Taluks and sheets in which Alamats were put	No. of Taluks ...	22
	No. of sheets ...	28
No. of sheets and Taluks sent to Calcutta for Jurisdiction work.	No. of Taluks ...	75
	No. of Sheets ...	182

(*c*) *Area Section.*

	No. of Taluks.	No. of plots.	
Area extracted	224	2,72,063	These include the Taluk of Perganas Sudder and Mathabhanga and remaining two Taluks of Pergana Tufanganj.
Means and Badars completed ...	223	2,70,590	
Totals completed 1st and 2nd Totals ...	223	2,70,576	
Offsets extracted 1st and 2nd offsets ...	219	2,59,409	
Area passed	224	2,63,359	
Area converted into local units ...	226	2,65,953	
Recorrected the area and the conversion work of the Taluks of Perganas Sadar and Mathabhanga a few plots of which were changed after Badar...	105	1,90,572	

Terij Section within Appendix A.

5. The following table will show the institution and disposal of cases in the Settlement Department during the year under report :—

Circle No.	Name of Circle Officer.	No. of cases disposed of during the year.					No. of cases pending at the close of the year.				
		Automatic and disputed.	Mutation.	Settlement.	Miscellaneous.	Correction of Terij.	Automatic and disputed.	Mutation.	Settlement.	Miscellaneous.	Correction of Terij.
I.	Mr. I. B. De Majumdar ...	51	.....	35	221	6	24	...	115	14	66
II.	Mr. A. Dutt	56	164	35	19	3	56	68	141	10	161
III.	Mr. A. Ahmed	.....	.....	27	168	...	...	...	36	70	...
	Total ...	107	164	97	408	9	80	68	292	94	227

6. The total expenditure incurred in connection with the Settlement operations during the year under report was Rs. 1,22,606-1-3.

I have the honor to be,
YOUR HIGHNESS'
Most obedient and humble servant,

H. J. TWYNAM,
Vice-President, State Council, in the Settlement Department, Cooch Behar.

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FROM

B. GHOSE, ESQ.,

SECRETARY TO HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA BHUP BAHADUR OF COOCH BEHAR, IN-CHARGE TREASURY, STATE CEREMONIAL AND DEBUTTER DEPTS.

TO

HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA BHUP BAHADUR IN COUNCIL, COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 9th December 1920.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Administration of the Treasury, State Ceremonial and Debutter Departments of the State for the year 1919-20.

2. Mr. Narendra Nath Sen, Dewan of the State, remained in charge of the Departments from the commencement of the year to the 19th of January 1920. From the 20th January to the end of the year the charge remained with me, under Your Highness' orders.

TREASURY AND STAMP REVENUE.

3. Rai Chaudhuri Satish Chandra Mustafi was in charge of the Treasury throughout the year.

4. The opening and closing balances of the Treasury for the year under report are shown below :—

	Opening balance.	Closing balance.
	Rs.	Rs.
Cooch Behar State	3,88,854	3,43,391
Funds and Deposits...	2,42,466	2,43,821
Government	2,44,879	2,45,828
Total ...	8,76,199	8,33,040

5. The aforesaid closing balances of the Cooch Behar State and of the Funds and Deposits are subject to corrections necessitated by adjustments effected in the Accountant-General's Office.

6. The total receipts entered in the Treasury accounts amounted to Rs. 46,94,919 and the disbursements to Rs. 47,38,078 against Rs. 38,62,114 and Rs. 37,86,823 of the previous year, shewing an increase of Rs. 8,32,805 under receipts and of Rs. 9,51,255 under disbursements. Full details regarding these figures will be found in the Accountant-General's report.

7. Currency Notes received in the Treasury amounted to Rs. 40,57,866 and the issues to Rs. 33,72,684 against Rs. 37,69,674 and Rs. 33,12,324, respectively, for the previous year. There was thus an increase of Rs. 2,88,192 in receipts and of Rs. 60,360 in the issue.

8. The total Stamp Revenue during the year under report amounted to Rs. 2,32,389-11 against Rs. 2,40,037-10 of the previous year shewing a decrease of Rs. 7,647-15. Commissions to Stamp Vendors amounting to Rs. 6,182-7-6 had to be paid out of the amount. The net revenue credited

in the accounts was therefore Rs. 2,26,207-3-6. The receipts for the last two years are compared in the following table :—

Denomination of stamps.	Receipts.		Difference.		Remarks.
	1919-20.	1918-19.	Increase.	Decrease.	
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A.P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A	
Judicial Stamps...	1,32,382 0 0	1,45,531 8 0	.....	13,149 8	
Documentary ,, ...	42,092 0 0	36,858 8 0	5,233 8 0	.....	
Court-fee ,, ...	44,982 12 0	45,362 12 0	.....	380 0	
Copying-fee ,, ...	4,336 8 0	4,972 12 0	.....	636 4	
Adhesive ,, ...	6,354 0 0	5,292 0 0	1,062 0 0	.....	
Cartridge paper ...	1,642 8 0	1,474 0 0	168 8 0	.....	
Miscellaneous	599 15 0	546 2 0	53 13 0	.....	
Total ...	2,32,389 11 0	2,40,037 10 0	6,517 13 0	14,165 12 0	Net decrease Rs. A. P. 7,647 15 0

9. Thus it will be seen that the net decrease of Rs. 7,647-15 was chiefly attributable to the falling off in the sale of Judicial Stamps. This decrease was due to decrease in litigation during the year under report on account of the impoverished condition of the people brought about by the prevailing high prices. During the year under report the receipt on account of sale of Settlement Stamps amounted to Rs. 40,911 against Rs. 6,375 of the previous year. This amount has been included under Judicial Stamps in the above table. This large increase in the sale of Settlement Stamps was due to the increased sale of five-rupee Settlement Stamps required by the illegally settled tenants in the State to file applications for record of their rights. The increase was further augmented by the sale of one rupee and twelve-anna Settlement Stamps required during the year under report. The net decrease from the figures for 1918-19 under Sale of Stamps was Rs. 7,648. If the increase due to sale of Settlement Stamps which was (Rs. 40,911—Rs. 6,375 or Rs. 34,536 be taken into consideration, it will be found that the actual decrease due to ordinary causes was Rs. 42,184.

10. Deducting Rs. 40,911 on account of Sale of Settlement Stamps from the total Stamp Revenue amounting to Rs. 2,32,389-11, the receipts on account of ordinary stamps amounted to Rs. 1,91,478-11. The incidence of Stamp Revenue per head of population was thus 5·16 annas only taking the population of the State to be as ascertained in the last Census in 1911, 5,93,052.

STATE CEREMONIAL AND DEBUTTER DEPARTMENT.

11. On the 12th May 1919, Your Highness was pleased to hold the Pooneah Durbar.

12. A second daughter was born to Your Highness in England on the 23rd May 1919 during Your Highness' residence there. To celebrate the happy occasion, all Courts, Offices, Schools, and the Victoria College remained closed for one day.

13. Your Highness returned to India on the 1st of October 1919 and on the 14th idem arrived at Cooch Behar in State.

14. The anniversary of the demise of His Highness Maharaja Sir Nripendra Narayan Bhup Bahadur, G.C.I.E., C.B., and that of His Highness Maharaja Raj Rajendra Narayan were celebrated as in previous years with due solemnity on the 18th and the 1st September respectively.

15. The amount disbursed by the Ceremonial Department on account of allowance to Rajguns, Brahmins, poor students and others, donations and subscriptions to Charitable Institutions and cost of establishment was Rs. 84,504 against Rs. 73,744 of the previous years, shewing an increase of Rs. 10,760. This increase was mainly due to the increase in the allowances granted to the Rajguns during the year under report. Besides the above expenditure, subscriptions &c., amounting to Rs. 3,945 were paid direct from the Treasury.

16 In the Debutter Department, the total disbursements amounted to Rs. 41,315 against Rs. 38,266 of the previous year, shewing an increase of Rs. 3,049 due principally to the extra provision of Rs. 1,200 made for ordinary Pujas on account of the prevailing high prices as well as to the provision of Rs. 1,000 required for the construction of the Roshan-Chowkiwallas' quarters.

17. During the year under report, educational allowances were granted to 132 students of whom 42 were Natives of the State. Of the stipendiaries three passed the Matriculation, six the I.A., nine the B.A., and one the B.Sc., Examination. Of these successful students, six were natives.

18. The daily average number of patients attending the Ayurvedic Charitable Dispensary was 45·56 against 46·15 of the previous year. The Ayurvedic garden was maintained as before.

19. All the Pujas and Periodical ceremonies were duly performed. The usual celebrations in connection with the Rashjatra festival were held and people in large numbers came from the interior and the neighbouring British districts to enjoy the occasion.

20. Three thousand and forty-six persons received food at the Anandamoyee Dharmasala. The Thakurbaries in the town of Cooch Behar fed 58,188 with a daily average of 159·41 persons.

21. On account of the Peace celebrations for the termination of the Great European War, Rs. 5,000 was provided in the Budget of the year under report under Your Highness' orders. The occasion was thus suitably celebrated in the Sudder and the Sub-divisional head-quarters by illuminations, the feeding of the poor, distribution of alms and procession of Sankirtan parties.

22. On the 3rd of March 1920, the unveiling ceremony of the marble statue of His Highness the late Maharaja Sir Nripendra Narayan Bhup Bahadur, G. C. I. E., C. B., erected on the north side of the Sagar Dighi Square in front of the State Council building, was performed by Your Highness in a manner befitting the occasion.

23. *Benares.*—The Agent disbursed Rs. 16,816 against Rs. 12,601 in the previous year on account of allowances to persons residing at Benares, the performance of Pujas at and the maintenance of the Thakurbaris, the Chhatra and of the houses owned by Your Highness. This increase in expenditure was mainly due to the additional provision of Rs. 3,500 required for the Pujas and for feeding the poor in the Chhatra on account of the high prices prevailing in the country. The number of persons who was provided with free meals at the Chhatra were 60,505 against 38,818 of the year previous, showing an increase of 21,687 persons. This increase was due to the great increase in the number of poor people resorting to the Chhatra and the consequent increase in the quantity of food which was provided under Your Highness' orders.

24. *Character of Officers.*—The officers subordinate to me discharged their duties satisfactorily. Babu Mohim Chandra Mukerjee Head Clerk and Sheristadar and the staff of the Debutter office, the Duar office and Treasury worked hard and gave me every satisfaction in the discharge of their duties.

I have the honor to be,
YOUR HIGHNESS'
Most obedient & humble servant,
B. GHOSE,
Secretary to His Highness in charge
Treasury, State Ceremonial, & Debutter Depts.

Statement shewing collections of Stamp Revenue for the year 1919-1920.

Names of Sub-divisions or Offices.	Judicial.		Documentary.		Court fee.		Copying fee.		Miscellaneous.		Total.	Commission to Vendors.	Net amount.	Cartridge paper.			Adhesive stamp			Grand total of gross amount.	Grand total of net amount.
	With commission.	Without commission.	With commission.	Without commission.	With commission.	Without commission.	With commission.	Without commission.	Duty on unstamped papers.	Fines & penalties.				With commission.	Commission to vendors.	Net amount.	With commission.	Commission to vendors.	Net amount.		
	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Sudder ...	40,164 8 0	7,644 12	9,356 8	1,554 0	13,982 0	....	1,366 8	....	228 0	183 2	71,479 6 0	2,358 4 6	72,121 1 6	645 0 0	41 3 0	603 13 0	2,458 0 0	147 6 0	2,310 10 0	77,582 6 0	75,035 8 6
Dinhata ..	28,479 0 0	120 0	9,182 8	70 0	9,661 8	8 4	975 8	....	81 1	4 0	48,381 13 0	1,117 15 3	47,463 13 9	386 4 0	23 3 3	333 0 9	695 0 0	49 11 0	645 5 0	49,003 1 0	48,472 3 6
Mathabhanga ...	26,456 8 0	286 0	11,942 8	....	9,691 0	....	952 0	....	66 4	4 8	49,398 12 0	1,067 2 6	48,331 9 6	322 8 0	20 2 6	302 5 6	1,182 0 0	73 14 0	1,108 2 0	50,903 4 0	49,742 1 0
Tufangunj ..	10,546 8 0	142 0	4,705 8	....	5,146 0	....	360 8	....	10 0	1 0	20,911 8 0	467 0 6	20,444 7 6	142 8 0	8 14 6	133 9 6	462 0 0	28 14 0	433 2 0	21,516 0 0	21,011 3 0
Mekliganj ..	18,462 8 0	80 4	5,281 0	....	6,499 0	....	682 0	....	20 0	2 0	31,026 12 0	672 5 3	30,354 6 9	146 4 0	9 2 3	137 1 9	1,557 0 0	97 5 0	1,459 11 0	32,730 9 0	31,961 3 6
Total Rupees ..	1,24,109 0 0	8,273 0	40,468 0	1,624 0	44,979 8	8 4	4,326 8	....	405 5	194 10	2,21,398 3 0	5,682 12 0	2,18,715 7 0	1,642 8 0	102 9 6	1,539 14 6	6,354 0 0	397 2 0	5,956 14 0	2,32,394 11 0	2,26,212 3 6

B GHOSH,

Secretary to His Highness,

Treasury Department, Cooch Behar.

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No. 2522.

FROM

BABU PRAMATHA NATH CHATTERJEE, M.A., B.L.,
Judicial Member, State Council, in-charge Court of Wards.

TO

HIS HIGHNESS THE PRESIDENT, STATE COUNCIL,
COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 22nd December 1920.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Administration of the Court of Wards Department of the State for the year 1919-20.

2. Mr. Narendra Nath Sen, C.I.E., Dewan of the State, remained in charge of the Department from the commencement of the year to the end of January 1920 when he retired. During the month of February 1920, the Department was under the control of Revenue Officer Babu Jagadballabh Biswas from whom I received charge on the 29th of the same month under Your Highness' orders conveyed in Council Office No. 1495, dated the 28th February 1920.

3. *Estates under the management of the Court of Wards.*—There were 26 Estates under the management of the Court of Wards at the close of 1918-19. During the year under report two Estates came under its management but none was released. The result was that the Estates that remained under the management of the Court of Wards were 28 in number at the close of the year. The following table shews the results of management for the year under report compared with those for the previous year:—

	1918-19.	1919-20.
	Rs.	Rs.
The current demand was	1,11,782	1,82,213
And the arrear demand was	1,93,696	2,66,617
Consequently the total demand was	3,05,478	4,48,830
Collection out of current demand was ...	32,519	50,106
And out of arrear demand was	51,372	89,538
The total collection was therefore	83,891	1,39,644
Balance	2,21,571	3,09,240
Remission	67	159
Total balance	2,21,504	3,09,081
Paid on account of revenue and rents due to superior landlords	45,528	1,06,343
Payment into the Fee Fund	10,635	15,604
Law charges	7,310	8,139
Cash in hand at the end of the year was ...	12,742	10,114
The Taufir collection was	27	81

Owing to the addition of two new Estates the current demand increased during the year under report. The Settlement increase given effect to in Perganas Lalbazar and Mekligunj from the year under report also contributed a little to the increase. The increase in the unrecovered balance and under some other heads was also due to the same causes.

Character of Officers.—The Head Clerk and Sheristadar Babu Mohim Chandra Mukerji as also the whole of the staff gave me entire satisfaction by careful discharge to their respective duties.

I have the honor to be,
YOUR HIGHNESS'
Most obedient and humble servant,
PRAMATHA NATH CHATTERJEE,
Judicial Member, State Council,
In-charge Court of Wards.

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FROM

BABU PRAMATHA NATH CHATTERJEE, M.A., B.L.,

Judicial Member, State Council in the Civil Department, Cooch Behar.

To

HIS HIGHNESS THE PRESIDENT, STATE COUNCIL, COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 9th October 1920.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report on the administration of Civil Justice in the State for the year 1919-20 together with the Annual Statements Nos. I to XI.

Charge..

2. I was in charge of the office of the Civil and Sessions Judge of the State from the beginning of the year up till the 29th February 1920, except for a period of 1 month and 24 days from the 29th October to the 22nd December 1919, during which I was on privilege leave and the charge of the office on the Civil side was held by the Assistant Civil Judge, while that on the Sessions side remained with the Fouzdary Ahilkar of the State. Babu Satish Chandra Banerjee relieved me of the office of Civil and Sessions Judge on the 1st of March 1920 and held charge of the same till the close of the year.

The following table shows the names of the officers who held charge of the different Subordinate Judicial posts during the year under review :—

SUB-DIVISIONS.	Names of Officers.	Terms of employment.
Sudder ...	Babu Nogendra Prosad Ray, B.L., Assistant Civil Judge.	From 1st April 1919 to 31st March 1920.
Do. ...	Rai Chaudhuri Satish Chandra Mustafi, Naib Ahilkar, Sudder.	From 1st May 1919 to 31st March 1920.
Tufangunj ...	Babu Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April 1919 to 31st March 1920
Dinhata ...	Babu Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st to 26th April 1919.
Do. ...	Babu Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 27th April to 21st September 1919.
Do. ...	Babu Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 22nd September to 9th November 1919.
Do. ...	Babu Umanath Dutt, B.L., Naib Ahilkar	From 10th November 1919 to 31st March 1920.
Do. ..	Babu Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April 1919 to 31st March 1920.
Mathabhanga	Babu Rajani Kanta Bhaumik, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April 1919 to 31st March 1920.
Do. ...	Maulavi Bazlay Rahaman Sarkar, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April 1919 to 31st March 1920.
Mekliguni ...	Babu Umanath Dutt, B.L., Naib Ahilkar	From 1st April to 9th November 1919.
Do. ...	Babu Sarat Chandra Ghoshal, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 10th November to 31st March 1920.

Institution of original suits.

3. The number of original suits instituted during the last four years is shewn below :—

YEARS.	Civil suits.	Rent suits.	Small Cause Court suits.	Total.
1916-17	2,061	5,364	2,318	9,743
1917-18	1,782	5,147	2,047	8,976
1918-19	1,679	5,341	1,817	8,847
1919-20	1,527	4,752	1,614	7,893

It will appear from the above table that the number of institutions during the year under report was 7,893 against 8,847 of the preceding year showing a decrease of 954 suits. This seems to be due to the generally impoverished condition of the people on account of the high prices of all the necessaries of life which are mainly attributable to the war.

It will be observed that the institutions have been declining steadily since the year 1916-17 and that the total decrease as compared with the institutions of that year is no less than 1,850.

Details of increase and decrease in the institutions.

4. The table given below shows the increase and decrease in the institutions of suits in each of the several courts in the State :—

COURTS.	CIVIL SUITS.		RENT SUITS.		SMALL CAUSE COURT SUITS.	
	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.
Civil Judge	.....	6	.....	1	.....	.....
Assistant Civil Judge	.....	48	.....	74	.....	5
Naib Ahilkar, Sudder	.....	1	.....	13	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj ...	.....	36	6	.....	.....	26
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	.....	46	.....	44	.....	71
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	7	.....	29	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	.....	11	.....	283	.....	71
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	21	.....	18	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	.....	32	.....	237	.....	27
Total ...	28	180	53	652	.....	203

Civil suits increased in the courts of the Additional Naib Ahilkars of Dinhata and Mathabhaga by 7 and 21 suits respectively; and decreased in the courts of the Civil Judge, Assistant Civil Judge, Naib Ahilkar, Sudder, and Naib Ahilkars of Tufangunj, Dinhata, Mathabhanga and Mekligunj by 6, 48, 1, 36, 46, 11 and 32 suits respectively.

Rent suits increased in the courts of the Naib Ahilkar of Tufangunj and Additional Naib Ahilkars of Dinhata and Mathabhanga by 6, 29 and 18 suits

respectively; and decreased in the courts of the Civil Judge, Assistant Civil Judge, Naib Ahilkar, Sudder and Naib Ahilkars of Dinhata, Mathabhanga and Mekligunj by 1, 74, 13, 44, 283 and 237 suits respectively.

Small Cause Court suits decreased in the Courts of the Assistant Civil Judge and Naib Ailkars of Tufangunj, Dinhata, Mathabhanga and Mekligunj by 5, 26, 71, 74 and 27 suits respectively.

Classification of suits.

5. The Statement No. 2 shows that out of a total of 7,893 institutions, 2,712 were suits on bonds and other obligations, damages &c., 4,752 were rent suits, 420 for land and other immoveable prnperty and 9 relating to matrimonial rights.

Execution Cases.

6. The number of applications for execution of decrees filed during the last four years is shown in the table given below :—

YEARS.	Civil.	Rent.	Small Cause Court.	Total.
1916-1917	1,694	3,296	1,343	6,333
1917 1918	1,716	2,996	1,233	6,945
1918-1919	1,607	3,661	1,121	6,389
1919-1920	1,431	3,370	1,044	5,845

The number of applications filed during the year under report was 5,845 against 6,389 of the preceding year showing a decrease of 544 applications. This was due to the decrease in the number of suits instituted during the year.

Miscellaneous cases.

7. The number of Miscellaneous Cases instituted during the last two years is shown below :—

	Judicial.		Non-Judicial.	
	1918-19.	1919-20	1918-19	1919-20.
Civil	414	422	11	13
Rent	686	636	48	44
Small Cause Court	94	97	.....	.....
Total ...	1,194	1,155	59	57

Certificate cases.

8. The number of applications for Certificates of Guardianship under Act VI of 1897 was 53 against 50 of the previous year showing an increase of 3 applications only, and the number of applications for Succession Certificates under Act V of 1898 was 50 against 51 of the previous year showing a decrease of one application only.

Probate cases.

9. The number of applications filed under the Probate and Administration Act was 13 against 10 of the previous year showing an increase of 3 applications only.

Rank of Courts according to institutions.

10. According to the number of institutions of original suits, the Subordinate Courts rank thus :—

(1.)	Assistant Civil Judge	2,308
(2.)	Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	2,029
(3.)	Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	1,638
(4.)	Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	996
(5.)	Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	759

Disposal of Suits.

11. The disposal of original suits in the State during the last four years is shown in the statement given below :—

YEARS.	Civil.	Rent.	Small Cause Court.	Total.
1916-1917	2,025	5,388	2,306	9,717
1917-1918	1,877	5,184	1,943	9,004
1918-1919	1,629	5,255	1,993	8,877
1919-1920	1,527	4,724	1,597	7,848

The total number of original suits disposed of was 7,848 against 8,877 of the previous year showing a decrease of 1,029 suits. The decrease is accounted for by the decrease in the number of institutions.

Rank of Courts according to disposal.

12. According to disposal the Subordinate Court rank thus :—

(1.) Assistant Civil Judge 2,238
(2.) Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata 1,301
(3.) Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga 1,118
(4.) Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj 995
(5.) Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj 791
(6.) Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata 777
(7.) Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga 594
(8.) Naib Ahilkar, Sudder 10

Contest.

13. The following table compares the disposal of contested original suits in the State during the last four years : –

Years.	Civil.	Rent.	Small Cause Court.	Total.
1916-1917	342	321	292	955
1917-1918	411	305	201	917
1918-1919	239	221	159	619
1919-1920	216	221	158	595

The total number of contested suits decided was 595 being a little less than one-thirteenth of the entire number of disposal.

The decrease in the number of contested suits is due to the financial difficulties of the people owing to the abnormal rise in the prices of all the necessaries of life. It will be observed that as is the case with the institutions, the number is steadily decreasing.

With regard to the disposal of contested suits the Subordinate Courts rank thus :—

(1.) Assistant Civil Judge 142
(2.) Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj 110
(3.) Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata 90
(4.) Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata 79
(5.) Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ... 66
(6.) Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj 53
(7.) Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga 46
(8.) Naib Ahilkar, Sudder 3

589

Average duration of suits.

14. The table given below shows the average duration of suits in the Subordinate Courts :—

Names of Courts.	Civil Suits.				Rent Suits.				Small Cause Court Suits.			
	Contested.		Uncontested.		Contested.		Uncontested.		Contested.		Uncontested.	
	M.	D.	M.	D.	M.	D.	M.	D.	M.	D.	M.	D.
Assistant Civil Judge	5	25	1	25	4	23	1	18	2	17	1	7
Naib Ahilkar, Sudder	5	29	2	17	5	10	5	12	.....		.....	
Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	4	5	1	7	3	29	1	2	1	4	0	29
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	6	16	2	1	4	26	1	13	1	28	0	19
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	4	5	1	17	3	7	1	8	.....		.....	
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	6	18	2	15	3	10	1	11	1	15	1	3
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga...	3	18	2	19	2	18	1	14	.....		.....	
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	3	17	1	22	3	25	1	1	1	24	0	24

The duration was the longest in the Court of the Naib Ahilkar of Mathabhanga and the shortest in that of the Naib Ahilkar of Dinhata.

Value of Suits.

15. Out of the total number of original suits disposed of, 95 were for claims not exceeding Rs. 5 in value; 1,408 or a little less than one-fifth were for claims not exceeding Rs. 20; 2,567 or a little less than one-third were for claims not exceeding Rs. 50; 1,961 or one-fourth were for claims exceeding Rs. 50 but not exceeding Rs. 100; 1,724 or a little more than one-fifth were for claims exceeding Rs. 100 but not exceeding Rs. 500; 69 were for claims exceeding Rs. 500 but not exceeding Rs. 1,000; 23 were for claims exceeding Rs. 1,000 but not exceeding Rs. 5,000. There was only one suit exceeding Rs. 5,000 but not exceeding Rs. 10,000.

Pending Suits.

16. The number of suits pending at the close of the year was 1,008 against 963 of the previous year showing an increase of 45 suits. Of the number pending, 52 were more than six months and 35 more than a year old.

Summary Procedure.

17. Assistant Civil Judge and the Naib Ahilkars of Dinhata, Mathabhanga and Mekligunj tried Small Cause Courts Suits up to Rs. 100 and the Naib Ahilkar of Tufangunj up to Rs. 20 in value, adopting the procedure laid down in the Small Cause Courts Act.

Disposal of Execution cases.

18. The statement given below shows the disposal of Execution cases during the last four years :—

Years.	Civil.	Rent.	Small Cause Court.	Total.
1916-1917	1,713	3,239	1,352	6,304
1917-1918	1,680	2,984	1,217	5,881
1918-1919	1,581	3,372	1,118	6,071
1919-1920	1,523	3,571	1,104	6,198

The total number of Execution Cases disposed of was 6198 against 6071 of the previous year showing an increase of 127 cases. The increase being nominal needs no explanation.

Disposal of Miscellaneous cases.

19. The table given below shows the disposal of Miscellaneous cases during the last two years :—

	Judicial.		Non-Judicial.	
	1918-19.	1919-20.	1918-19.	1919-20.
Civil	407	413	11	9
Rent	666	635	41	52
Small Cause Court	97	91	...	...
Total ...	1170	1139	52	61

Local enquiry.

20. One hundred and twenty-seven cases were for local enquiry by the Civil Court Amin during the year against 134 of the previous year. 91 cases were enquired into against 113 of the previous year. The amount of Amin's fees realised was Rs. 765 against Rs. 723 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 42 only.

Work of the Civil Judge's Court.

21. The statement given below shows the work of the Civil Judge's Court on the Civil side during the last three years :—

YEARS.	Original Suits.				Execution cases.				Miscellaneous cases.			
	Pending from the last year.	Instituted or received by transfer.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Pending from the last year.	Instituted or received by transfer.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Pending from the last year.	Instituted or received by transfer.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1917-1918	20	37	53	4	18	44	35	27	27	178	176	29
1918-1919	4	35	30	9	27	47	46	28	29	118	128	19
1919-1920	9	28	24	13	28	37	41	24	19	189	121	87

Thirteen Original suits, 24 Execution cases and 37 Miscellaneous cases remained undisposed of at the close of the year.

Appeals.

22. The following table shows the total of Regular and Miscellaneous Appeals preferred in the Civil Judge's Court during the last three years :—

1917-18	95
1918-19	86
1919-20	57

The number of Appeals filed during the year was 57 against 86 of the previous year showing a decrease of 29 appeals.

(a) The results of appeals for the last three years is shown in the table given below :—

YEARS.	Number of appeals for disposal.	Confirmed.	Reversed.	Modified.	Disposed of otherwise.	Pending.
1917-1918	176	83	30	16	21	26
1918-1919	112	49	21	1	13	28
1919-1920	85	35	14	2	19	21

There were 85 appeals for disposal including those which remained pending at the end of the previous year. Of these 64 were disposed of and 21 remained pending at the close of the year.

(*b*) The following table shows the result of appeals against the decrees of each of the Subordinate Judicial Officers :—

Names of Judicial Officers.	Details of disposal.						Total disposed of.	Remarks.
	Confirmed.	Reversed.	Modified.	Remanded.	Dismissed on default.	Compromised.		
Babu Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, M.A., B.L.	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	
,, Rajani Kanta Bhaumik, M.A., B.L.	3	...	...	...	...	...	3	
,, Uma Nath Dutt, B.L. ...	4	...	...	...	...	...	4	
,, Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L. ...	10	...	...	7	...	...	17	
,, Nagendra Prosad Roy, B.L. ...	3	...	...	...	...	...	3	
,, Sarat Chandra Ghoshal, M.A., B.L.	4	2	1	1	...	...	8	
,, Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L. ...	1	4	...	...	...	...	5	
Rai Chaudhuri Satis Chandra Mustafi ...	2	2	1	...	...	1	6	
Maulavi Bazlay Rahaman Sarkar, B.L....	6	6	...	3	1	...	16	
Total ...	35	14	2	11	1	1	64	

Finance.

23. The receipts and disbursements are shown under the several heads :—

Receipts.

Stamp duty.—The table given below shows the receipts under this head for the last four years :—

	Rs.
1916-1917	1,20,693
1917-1918	1,19,845
1918-1919	1,13,298
1919-1920	1,04,227

The decrease of Rs. 9,071 was mainly attributable to the decrease in the number of institutions.

II. Process fees.—The amount of process fees &c., realised during the year was Rs. 28,341 against Rs. 30,468 of the previous year showing a decrease was due to decrease in the institution of of suits.

III. Fines and forfeitures.—The amount realised during the year was Rs. 594 against Rs. 563 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 31 only.

IV. Ameen's fees.—The table given below shows the receipts under this head for the last four years:—

	Rs.
1916-1917	891
1917-1918	2,139
1918-1919	723
1919-1920	765

V. Other receipts including Copying fees.—These amounted to Rs. 4,310 against Rs. 4,916 of the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 606.

The total receipts under the above heads were Rs. 1,38,237 against Rs. 1,49,967 of the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 11,730.

DISBURSEMENTS.

I. Salary.—The salary of Judicial Officers amounted to Rs. 16,233 against Rs. 15,665 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 568. The increase was due to increase in the pay of the officers.

II. Establishment charges.—The establishment charges amounted to Rs. 1,7589 against Rs. 17,277 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 312.

III. Process service.—The expenditure under this head was Rs. 10,906 against Rs. 10,198 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 708.

IV. Contingencies—Contingencies amounted to Rs. 6,130 againt Rs. 6,184 showing a decrease of Rs. 54.

V. Ameen's Establishment.—The cost under thus head amounted to Rs. 1,080 against the same amount of the previous year.

VI, Unforeseen.—The expenditure under this head was Rs. 487 against Rs. 500 of the privious year showing a decrease of Rs. 13.

The total amount of expenditure was Rs. 52,425 against Rs. 50,902 of the previous year.

The net receipts of the Civil Department amounted to Rs. 85,812 against Rs. 99,064 of the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 13,252.

Copying Department.

24. The total amount of copying fees realised during the year was Rs. 3,760-7 against Rs. 4,163-14 of the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 403-7. Out of the total receipts Rs. 1,834-5 was credited to the State and the balance Rs. 1,926-2 was distributed among the Copyists.

The following table shows the number of Copyists employed in each court with the average monthly incomes of each Copyist:—

Names of Courts.	No. of Copyists.	No. of Comparing Clerks.	Average monthly income of each Copyist.			Remarks.
			Rs.	A.	P.	
Sudder	4	1	16	11	0	
Tufangunj	1	.....	11	9	4	
Dinhata	2	1	16	13	6	
Mathabhanga	2	1	15	1	7	
Mekliguni	2	.....	10	13	5	

Records.

25. During the year under report records of 9,536 cases were received in the Sudder Record-room as shown below :—

Courts.	Civil.	Rent.	Total.	Remarks.
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	587	1,415	1,952	Up to March 1918.
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga. ...	816	3,023	3,839	
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	1,668	780	2,448	Civil records up to March 1918 and those of Rent suits up to March 1916.
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Do....	559	738	1,297	
Total ...	3,580	5,956	9,536	

Records from the other Courts could not be received on account of want of accomodation in the Sudder Record Room. To remove this want Your Highness was graciously pleased to order a provision of Rs. 4,700 to be made in the Budget for the year 1920-21 for extra accomodation. An additional room is being constructed with the money by the Public Works Department.

26. All the subordinate Judicial and Ministerial officers of the Department discharged their duties satisfactorily.

I have the honour to be,
YOUR HIGHNESS'
Most obedient and humble servant,
PRAMATHA NATH CHATTERJEE,
Judicial Member, State Council in the Civil Department, Cooch Behar.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. I.

(A.)

List of Judicial and Revenue Divisions of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1919-1920.

Name of Division.	Names of Police Stations in each.	Area in square miles	Population.
Sudder Sub-division	Kotwali Station ...	284	1,30,602
Tufangunj ditto	Fulbari ditto ...	223	80,147
Dinhata ditto	Dinhata ditto ...	269	1,48,540
Mathabhanga ditto	Mathabhanga Station Sitalkhuchi, I. O. P.	334	1,42,704
Mekligunj ditto	Mekligunj Station...	197	91,079
	Total ...	1,307	5,93,090

(B)

Return showing the number of Civil and Rent Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1919-1920.

Civil.		Rent.		Total.
Appellate.	Original.	Appellate.	Original.	
1	9	1	9	20

(C.)

Return showing receipts and charges of Civil Courts in the Cooch Behar State for the year 1919-1920.

COURTS.	RECEIPTS.						CHARGES.						
	Stamps (1)	Process fees. (2)	Fines and forfeitures.	Ameen's fees.	Other receipts. (3)	TOTAL.	Salary of Judicial officers.	Establishment.	Process serving.	Contingent (4)	Ameen's Establishment.	Unforeseen.	TOTAL.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Civil Judge's Court ...	11,110 0 3	1,435 0 0	.....	24 0 0	1,645 13 3	14,214 13 6	7,200 0 0	5,371 5 6	6,856 9 5	4,588 6 3	1,080 0 0	233 1 8	25,329 6 10
Sudder Subordinate Courts	23,241 14 0	7,065 12 0	64 4 0	348 0 0	.....	30,719 14 0	3,606 0 0	3,347 10 9	.....	73 7 6	.....	53 3 10	7,080 6 1
Toofangunj Court ...	8,680 13 3	2,903 4 0	111 12 6	234 0 0	173 9 6	12,103 7 3	700 0 0	1,667 11 9	780 6 10	194 1 3	.....	18 8 0	3,360 11 10
Dinhata " ...	24,204 13 0	6,451 12 0	159 6 0	42 0 0	1,050 12 9	31,908 11 9	1,509 14 6	2,738 11 10	1,201 9 6	511 12 6	.....	25 12 0	5,987 12 4
Mathabhanga " ...	22,507 0 0	6,277 12 0	147 10 0	72 0 0	815 9 3	29,819 15 3	2,200 0 0	2,660 5 5	1,145 1 6	459 3 6	.....	24 0 0	6,488 10 5
Mekligunj " ...	14,482 4 9	4,208 0 0	110 13 0	45 0 0	624 3 10	19,470 5 7	1,016 10 3	1,803 10 2	922 1 10	302 14 9	.....	132 7 0	4,177 12 5
Total ...	1,04,226 13 3	28,341 8 0	593 13 6	765 9 0	4,310 0 7	1,38,237 3 4	16,232 9 2	17,589 7 5	10,905 13 1	6,129 13 9	1,080 0 0	487 0 6	52,424 11 11

(1.) This includes searching fees and fees for information.
(2.) This includes sale fees.
(3.) This includes witnesses' diet-money, copying fee, pay of officers cited as witnesses, &c., &c.,
(4.) This includes remuneration to copyists, travelling and Tioca Mohurers' pay &c., &c.

		Rs. A. P
Receipts	...	1,38,237 3 4
Charges	...	52,424 11 11
Balance	...	85,812 7 5

PRAMATHA NATH CHATTERJEE,
Judicial Member, State Council,
Civil Department, Cooch Behar.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 2.

Statement showing the number and description of suits instituted in the Civil Courts of the Cooch Behar State during the year 1919-20.

COURTS.	Suits of the Small Cause Court class. On written obligation. Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	On unwritten. Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	On account stated. Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Money had and received and contribution. Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Goods sold. Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Breach of contract not mentioned above. Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Rent not falling under the Rent law. Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Moveable property or value thereof. Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Damages. Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Other Civil Suits. Suits for immoveable property.	Suits for specific performance of contract.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights.	Suits for an account.	Suits to set aside judgments, contracts to obligations on the ground of fraud.	Suits for enforcement or dissolution of matrimonial rights.	Suits for partition.	Suits relating to religion, caste and religious endowments.	Rent Suits. For delivery of patkatas and kobuliyats.	For damages for illegal exaction of rent and withholding of receipts.	For enhancement and abatement of rents.	For arrears of rent.	To eject a ryot or to cancel a lease.	For recovery of possession.	In exercise of power of distraint.	Against agent for money and paper.	Total.
Civil Judge ...	...	1	...	2	...	3	..	..	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	20	..	2	..	..	...	...	..	...	...	..	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	28
Assistant Civil Judge ...	110	..	12	..	18	..	12	..	3	...	2	..	1	..	11	...	5	...	125	2	56	..	2	1	4	1	..	...	..	..	1,370	...	..	...	..	...	1,735
Naib Ahilkar Sudder ..	..	...	...	...	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	...	...	..	...	..	..	..	..	...	..	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj ...	168	...	7	..	13	...	8	...	34	...	13	...	2	..	12	...	7	..	27	..	41	..	...	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	381	..	...	...	..	..	717
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	120	..	1	..	16	..	20	...	34	..	4	...	..	..	3	...	...	..	113	..	1	..	..	...	..	..	..	..	2	..	1,358	..	...	..	..	..	1,672
Additional Naib Ahilkar do. ...	..	...	..	...	3	..	1	...	1	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	...	..	..	..	..	...	..	31	...	..	...	..	..	40
Additional Naib Ahilkar do. ..	173	..	6	..	6	..	22	..	4	...	1	..	..	..	8	..	5	...	41	...	..	...	..	...	1	...	..	..	1	..	9.2	...	..	...	..	...	1,210
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj ...	17	..	2	..	..	..	.	...	1	..	...	..	...	...	1	..	1	..	21	...	...	..	..	...	1	...	..	..	..	..	32	...	..	..	..	..	95
	44	..	...	..	13	..	14	...	1	..	3	..	13	...	1	...	4	..	71	..	4	...	..	...	..	...	..	..	..	..	615	..	..	..	..	..	789
Total ...	632	1	28	2	69	3	77	...	78	..	23	..	15	..	36	..	22	..	420	2	105	..	2	2	9	1	..	..	3	...	4,749	..	...	..	...	6,279
Small Cause Court Class Suits up to Rs. 100.																																					
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	421	...	20	..	79	..	8	..	25	...	...	...	8	..	..	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	573
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj ..	18	...	4	...	3	...	..	..	12	...	2	...	...	...	..	..	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	42
Ditto, Dinhata ...	209	...	14	...	11	...	80	...	31	...	19	..	...	...	1	..	12	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	357
Ditto, Mathabhanga ..	281	..	47	..	18	..	5	..	1	...	2	..	6	..	54	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	428
Ditto, Mekligunj ..	123	..	4	..	21	..	1	..	11	...	7	...	3	...	21	...	23	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	214
Total ..	1,052	..	89	..	132	...	74	...	80	..	31	..	17	..	76	..	63	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	..	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	1,614
Grand Total ...	1,684	1	117	2	201	3	151	...	153	..	54	..	32	..	112	..	85	..	420	2	105	...	2	2	9	1	...	...	3	..	4,749	..	..	..	..	7,893

PRAMATHA NATH CHATTERJEE,
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Civil Department, Cooch Behar.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 5.

Statement showing the result of the trial of original suits in the Civil Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1919-1920.

CIVIL COURTS.	Pending from the last year.	Instituted during the year.	Received by transfer.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other courts.	Plaint rejected or returned after registration thereof.	Dismissed for default.	Withdrawn.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed ex parte.	Dismissed ex parte.	Referred to arbitration.	Contested. Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Contested. Judgment for defendant.	Total disposed of.	Pending.	Over six months.	Over two months.	Average Duration of Suits. Contested.	Average Duration of Suits. Uncontested.
																				m. d.	m. d.
CIVIL.																					
Civil Judge	9	28	...	37	...	...	...	...	2	4	12	...	...	5	1	24	13	6	2	8 8	3 13
Assistant Civil Judge	95	365	...	460	14	...	31	...	58	78	139	...	...	29	5	340	106	28	16	5 25	1 25
Naib Ahilkar, Cooch Behar		...	14	14	...	...	...	...	1	...	5	...	...	1	..	7	7	2	...	5 29	2 17
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj	56	336	...	392	...	...	57	2	39	46	119	...	...	64	19	346	46	1	...	4 5	1 7
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	25	312	3	340	216	...	10	...	17	8	49	...	...	7	9	100	24	3	...	6 16	2 1
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	47	9	216	272	3	..	22	...	26	49	1[illegible]4	...	...	29	4	234	35	...	...	4 5	1 17
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	4	267	...	271	233	...	4	...	2	8	10	...	...	3	...	27	11	...	...	6 18	2 15
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	49	43	233	325	...	...	65	1	32	34	107	...	...	23	9	271	54	1	...	3 18	2 19
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	38	167	...	205	...	...	23	3	15	44	85	...	..	8	...	178	27	...	...	3 17	1 22
TOTAL ...	323	1,527	466	2,316	466	...	212	6	192	271	630	...	...	169	47	1,527	323	41	18	.....	.....
RENT.																					
Civil Judge	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...
Assistant Civil Judge ...	139	1,370	...	1,509	9	...	195	5	94	390	589	1	...	45	2	1,321	179	9	9	4 23	1 18
Naib Ahilkar, Cooch Behar	...	...	9	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	..	2	...	3	6	...	6	5 10	5 12
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj	38	381	...	419	..	...	60	4	51	89	173	...	...	22	1	400	19	...	...	3 29	1 2
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	57	1,360	...	1,417	1,017	...	58	...	5	78	173	...	...	22	2	338	62	1	...	4 26	1 13
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	138	31	1,017	1,186	...	...	202	6	3	183	613	...	...	43	14	1,067	119	...	...	3 7	1 8
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	18	943	...	961	790	...	16	...	17	64	42	1	...	3	...	143	28	...	...	3 10	1 11
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	85	52	790	927	...	...	93	1	111	245	363	...	...	31	3	847	80	...	...	2 18	1 14
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	64	615		679	...	...	85	5	79	129	275	1	...	31	...	605	74	1	2	3 25	1 1
TOTAL ...	539	4,752	1,816	7,107	1,816	...	709	21	360	1,181	2,229	3		199	22	4,724	567	11	17	.....	...
SMALL CAUSE COURT SUITS UP TO Rs. 100.																					
Assistant Civil Judge	34	573	...	607	...	1	95	1	42	231	145	1	...	55	6	577	30	...	...	2 17	1 7
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj	4	42	...	46	...	...	9	...	5	10	17	...	...	4	...	45	1	...	...	1 4	0 29
Ditto, Dinhata	29	357	...	386	...	...	94	...	20	56	150	...	...	37	2	339	47	...	...	1 28	0 19
Ditto, Mathabhanga	25	428	...	453	...	...	130	...	31	101	122	...	...	32	8	424	29	...	...	1 15	1 3
Ditto, Mekligunj	9	214	...	223	...	...	47	2	17	56	76	..	...	12	2	212	11	...	...	1 24	0 24
TOTAL ...	101	1,614	...	1,715	...	1	355	3	115	454	510	1	...	140	18	1,597	118	...	...	.....	...
GRAND TOTAL ...	963	7,893	2,282	11,138	2,282	1	1,276	30	667	1,906	3,369	4	...	508	87	7,848	1,008	52	35	.....	...

PRAMATHA NATH CHATTERJI,
Judicial Member, State Council in the Civil Department, Cooch Behar.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 4.

Statement showing the value of suits disposed of in the Civil Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1919-1920.

Value of suits.	Civil suits.								Rent suits.								Small Cause Court suits up to Rs. 100.						Grand Total.
	Civil Judge.	Assistant Civil Judge.	Sudder Naib Abilkar.	Toofanguni.	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekliguni.	Total.	Civil Judge.	Assistant Civil Judge.	Sudder Naib Abilkar.	Toofanguni.	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekliguni.	Total.	Assistant Civil Judge.	Toofanguni.	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekliguni.	Total.	
Not exceeding Rs. 5 ...	...	.....	...	...	1	.....	...	1	...	15	.....	5	43	9	4	76	5	1	1	1	10	18	95
Ditto „ 20 ...	...	17	...	13	7	18	...	55	...	297	3	78	374	98	111	961	153	44	80	74	41	392	1,408
Ditto „ 50 ...	...	27	1	126	25	24	13	216	...	532	.....	148	500	291	220	1,691	248	...	138	197	77	660	2,567
Ditto „ 100 ...	...	36	...	92	23	27	14	192	...	341	.....	94	325	319	163	1,242	171	...	120	152	84	527	1,961
Ditto „ 500 ...	...	230	2	114	272	227	147	992	...	133	.....	71	159	266	103	732	...	...	...	...	...	.....	1,724
Ditto „ 1,000 ...	...	30	4	1	6	2	4	47	...	3	.....	4	4	7	4	22	...	...	...	...	...	.....	69
Ditto „ 5,000 ...	23	.....	...	...	.....	.....	...	23	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	23
Ditto „ 10,000 ...	1	.....	...	...	.....	.....	...	1	...	..	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	1
Ditto „ 1,00,000 ...	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....	...	.....	...	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Exceeding „ 1,00,000 ...	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....	...	.....	...	...	.....	...	.. ..	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Total ...	24	340	7	346	334	298	178	1,527	...	1,321	3	400	1,405	990	605	4,724	577	45	339	424	212	1,597	7,848

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CIVIL STATEMENT No. 5.

Statement showing the execution of decrees of Civil Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1919-1920.

CIVIL COURTS.	Application to execute decrees.				Applications disposed of.			Pending.					Nature and number of cases in which coercive process issued.							Application for insolvency.	
													Against the person.		*Moveable property.*		*Immoveable property.*				
	Pending at the beginning of year.	Filed.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Decree wholly or partially satisfied.	Struck off.	TOTAL.	Transferred.	More than six months.	More than twelve months.	Total pending.	Possession.	Arrest.	Imprisonment	Attached.	Sold.	Attached.	Sold.	Orders under Section 243 Code of Civil Procedure.	Allowed.	Disallowed.
Civil.																					
Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	26	37	.....	63	23	16	39	..	4	6	24	15	2	.....	9	.....	8	15	1	1	.....
Assistant Civil Judge, ditto	121	332	....	453	155	199	354	4	15	7	95	48	25	.....	97	6	55	76	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Cooch Behar	.....	4	4	8	.....	6	6	...	..	.....	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj	56	230	.....	286	84	175	259	...	...	.....	27	12	23	.....	168	24	64	53	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	110	252	.....	362	134	176	310	...	5	2	52	.....	26	2	125	8	61	61	.....	.....	...
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	5	89	.....	94	18	42	60	...	2	.....	34	3	10	.....	16	3	27	9	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	29	111	.....	140	37	85	122	...	.....	1	18	18	14	1	112	4	52	14	.....	.....	.....
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	30	161	.....	191	80	84	164	...	.....	.....	27										
Naib Ahilkar, Mekliganj	30	215	.....	245	78	131	209	...	.....	.....	36	31	14	2	77	5	56	77	2	.....	.....
Total ...	407	1,431	4	1,842	609	914	1,523	4	26	16	345	127	116	5	604	50	323	305	3	1	.....
Rent.																					
Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	2	.....	.....	2	2	.....	2	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Assistant Civil Judge, ditto	371	903	.....	1,274	555	367	922	2	7	.....	330	.....	1	.....	293	6	583	254	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Cooch Behar	.....	.....	2	2	2	.....	2	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	....	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj	61	305	.....	366	256	55	311	...	.....	.....	55	44	2	.....	67	3	232	181	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	257	534	.....	791	131	567	698	...	4	1	93	24	4	.....	200	12	350	180	.....	.....	.....
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	3	454	.....	457	59	281	340	...	15	.....	117	10	3	.....	100	3	250	100	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	57	166	.....	223	136	67	203	...	.....	.....	20	9	42	.....	428	13	407	229	.....	.....	.....
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	136	595	.....	731	451	186	637	...	.....	.....	94										
Naib Ahilkar, Mekliganj...	75	413	.....	488	301	155	456	...	.....	.....	32	50	5	1	188	10	230	125	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	962	3,370	2	4,334	1,893	1,678	3,571	2	26	1	761	137	57	1	1,276	47	2,084	1,079	.....	.....	.....
Small Cause Courts up to Rs. 100.																					
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar ...	44	355	.....	399	62	317	379	...	.....	.....	20	.....	81	1	213	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj	4	12	.....	16	5	10	15	.	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	7	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ditto, Dinhata	61	297	.....	358	44	287	331	...	.....	.....	27	.....	41	1	190	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ditto, Mathabhanga	26	240	.....	266	41	204	245	...	.....	.....	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ditto, Mekliganj	5	140	.....	145	19	115	134	...	.....	.....	11	.....	13	.....	93	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	140	1,044	.....	1,184	171	933	1,104	6	.....	.....	80	.....	136	2	503	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand total ...	1,509	5,845	6	7,360	2,673	3,525	6,198	...	52	17	1,156	264	309	8	2,381	127	2,407	1,355	3	1	...

PRAMATHA NATH CHATTERJEE,
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CIVIL STATEMENT No. 6

Statement showing the institution and disposal of Miscellaneous cases of a Judicial nature in the Civil Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1919-1920.

COURTS.	Pending from last year.	Instituted.	Received by transfer or otherwise.	TOTAL.	Disposed of. Contested.	Disposed of. Uncontested.	Disposed of. TOTAL.	Transferred.	Pending. More than six months.	Pending. More than 12 months.	Total pending.	Average duration of cases. Contested. M. D.	Average duration of cases. Uncontested. M. D.	REMARKS.
Civil														
Civil Judge, Cooch Behar ...	19	139	.....	158	9	112	121	.....	6	.....	37	2 6	1 15	
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar ...	20	54	.....	74	27	29	56	3	2	1	15	5 17	1 10	
Naib Ahilkar, Sudder ...	.....	.....	3	3	3	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 20	.....	
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj ...	8	29	.....	37	12	21	33	.....	.....	.....	4	3 4	1 3	
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	13	51	.....	64	8	43	51	.....	.....	.....	13	6 0	3 2	
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	.....	14	.....	14	3	8	11	.....	.....	.....	3	1 20	1 10	
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	2	14	.....	16	1	14	15	.....	.....	.....	1	3 11	1 12	
Additional Naib Ahilkar, do. ...	16	69	.....	85	15	53	68	.....	.....	.....	17	1 20	1 2	
Naib Ahilkar, Mekliguni ...	15	52	.....	67	9	46	55	.....	.....	.....	12	2 23	1 12	
Total ...	93	422	3	518	87	326	413	3	8	1	102	.....	.....	
Rent.														
Civil Judge, Cooch Behar ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar ...	17	108	.....	125	19	85	104	1	6	.....	20	4 11	1 27	
Sudder Naib Ahilkar ...	.....	.....	1	1	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 2	
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj ...	7	78	.....	85	12	61	73	.....	.....	.....	12	2 29	1 6	
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	26	115	.....	141	4	125	129	.....	.....	.....	12	7 15	1 11	
Addl. Naib Ahilkar, do. ...	3	66	.....	69	1	53	54	.....	.....	.....	15	6 0	1 16	
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	7	35	.....	42	1	37	38	.....	.....	.....	4	2 21	1 18	
Addl. Naib Ahilkar do. ...	14	147	.....	161	3	143	146	.....	.....	.....	15	2 23	1 15	
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj ...	13	87	.....	100	9	81	90	.....	.....	.....	10	3 20	1 25	
Total ...	87	636	1	724	49	586	635	1	6	.....	88	.....	.....	
Small Cause Courts up to Rs. 100.														
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar ...	1	8	.....	9	3	5	8	.....	.....	.....	1	1 22	0 29	
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj ...	.....	4	.....	4	1	3	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	0 20	1 8	
Ditto. Dinhata ...	.....	19	.....	19	.....	13	13	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	1 7	
Ditto. Mathabhanga ...	4	52	.....	53	3	48	51	.....	.....	.....	2	1 0	1 10	
Ditto. Mekligunj ...	1	14	.....	15	3	12	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 14	0 25	
TOTAL ...	3	97	.....	100	10	81	91	.....	.....	.....	9	.....	.....	
GRAND TOTAL ...	183	1,155	4	1,342	146	993	1,139	4	14	1	199	.....	.....	

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Civil Department, Cooch Behar.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 7.

Statement showing the work of the Civil Appellate Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1919-1920.

APPELLATE COURTS.	Pending at the beginning of year.	Institution.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Disposed of.								Pending	Over six months.	Over twelve months.	Objections under Section 561 of Act XIV of 1882.	Objections allowed.	REMARKS.
					Transferred.	Dismissed for default.	Compromised.	Modified.	Reversed.	Confirmed.	Remanded.	Total disposed of.						
Civil Side	15	31	.....	46	.....	1	1	1	7	19	5	34	12	.....	.....	1	.....	
Ditto, Miscellaneous side.	3	9	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	4	2	7	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Total ...	18	40	.....	58	.....	1	1	1	8	23	7	41	17	.....	.....	1	.....	
Rent	6	8	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	1	5	5	1	12	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Ditto, Miscellaneous ...	4	9	.....	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	7	3	11	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Total ...	10	17	.....	27	.....	.....	.....	1	6	12	4	23	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Grand Total ...	28	57	.....	85	.....	1	1	2	14	35	11	64	21	.....	.....	1	.....	

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CIVIL STATEMENT No. 8.

Statement showing the nature of Miscellaneous cases instituted and disposed of in the Civi Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1919-1920.

Nature of case.	CIVIL.														RENT.														SMALL CAUSE COURTS UP TO Rs. 100.												Remarks.
	Civil Judge.		Assistant Civil Judge.		Toofangunj.		Dinhata.		Mathabhanga.		Mekliganj.		Total.		Civil Judge.		Assistant Civil Judge		Sudder Naib Ahilkar.		Toofangunj.		Dinhata.		Mathabhanga.		Mekliganj.		Total.		Sudder.		Toofangunj.		Dinhata.		Mathabhanga.		Mekliganj.		Total.	
	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	
1. Application to receive and review suits.	1	..	16	9	17	18	27	26	63	62	22	20	146	135	..	..	15	16	..	...	30	21	88	126	85	83	21	28	239	280	2	2	3	3	13	13	50	49	11	12	85	79	
2. Claims and objections ..	3	3	10	15	4	6	9	8	2	3	7	7	35	42	..	..	3	5	..	..	7	7	3	3	5	5	4	2	23	22	5	5	..	..	...	..	2	2	3	3	10	10	
3. Resistance of Judicial process.	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	..	...	..	..	..	2	1	...	...	..	..	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	...	...	...	..	..	
4. Pauper applications ...	2	..	.	2	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	..	2	..	...	...	..	...	..	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	..	...	
5. Suits under Act VI of 1897	53	44	..	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	..	...	53	44	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	
6. Suits under Act V of 1898	50	55	...	...	...	...	...		..	..	..	...	50	55	...	...	...	..	..	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	..	..	..	
7. Probate cases.. ...	13	14	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	13	14	...	..	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	..	..	
8. Other miscellaneous suits ..	17	5	26	34	8	9	29	8	18	18	23	28	121	122	..	...	90	84	...	..	41	45	90	54	92	90	62	60	375	331	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	...	..	2	2	
9. Miscellaneous proceedings of a non-judicial nature	...	..	...	..	..	..	5	2	3	3	5	4	13	9	..	..	7	4	...	..	6	12	6	11	18	19	7	5	44	52	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	..	
TOTAL ...	139	121	54	59	29	33	70	64	86	86	57	59	435	422	..	...	115	109	..	..	84	85	187	195	200	203	94	95	680	687	8	8	4	4	19	13	52	51	14	15	97	91	

Non-Judicial			*Judicial.*		
Total Instituted	...	57	Total Instituted	...	1,155
Total Disposed of	...	61	Total Disposed of	..	1,139
Total Pending	...	18	Total Pending	...	199

PRAMATHA NATH CHATTERJEE,
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Statement showing the nature of properties held by Judicial and Ministerial officers in the Cooch Behar State during the year 1919-1920.—(Concluded.)

Names of Officers.	Nature of property held and its locality.	Held in the name of wife or relation.	Description of State authority under which it is held.	Remarks.
Dinhata.				
Babu Sarat Chandra Ghoshal, M.A., B.L. Naib Ahilkar.	.....	.....	.....	
„ Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, M.A.B.L. Naib Ahilkar.	.....	.....	.....	
„ Babu Umanath Dutta, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	Has some jotes and Chukanies in the interior of this Subdivision.	.....	.....	
„ Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	.....	.....	.....	
„ Triguna Charan Chakrabarti, Head Clerk and Sheristadar.	A basha in the town of Mekligunj and the other in the Dinhata town.	.....	.....	
„ Kumud Bandhu Biswas, 2nd Clerk and Peshkar.	A basha in the Dinhata town.	.....	.....	
„ Manoranjan Roy, 3rd Clerk and Additional Peshkar	Ditto ...	.....	.....	
„ Satis Chandra Roy, 4th Clerk ...	Ditto ...	.....	.....	
„ Suresh Chandra Ray, Accountant...	One basha in the town of Mekligunj.	.....	.....	
„ Bankim Ch. Majumdar, Mohurer ...	One basha in the town of Dinhata.	.....	.....	
„ Chandra Mohan Sond, Mohurer ...	House in the town and some Jotes & Chukanies in the Sudder.	.....	.....	
„ Dharani Kanta Sircar, Poddar ...	Ditto ...	.....	.....	
„ Jagat Chandra Bhatta, Dewani Mohurer.	A house in the town and another in Cooch Behar. Some Jotes and Chukanies.			
„ Jagadish Chandra Das Gupta. Additional Mohurer.	A house in the town...	.....	.....	
Munshi Baktaruddin Ahamed, Rent Suit Mohurer.	A house in the town. Some Jotes & Chukanis	.....	.....	
Babu Shashi B. Guha, Comparing Clerk...	One basha in the town of Dinhata.			
Mathabhanga.				
Babu Hara Chandra Guha, Head Clerk and Sheristadar.	Basha	.....	.....	
„ Prandutt Misra, Accountant ...	Ditto ...	.....	.....	
„ Surendra Mohan Brahma, 2nd Clerk and Additional Peshkar.	Ditto ...	.....	.....	
Munshi Abdul Hossein Ahmed, 3rd Clerk and Peshkar.	A basha in the town of Mathabhanga.	.....	.....	
Babu Atul Chandra Ray, Dewani Mohurer	Ditto ...	.....	.....	
„ Loke Nath Das, Rent Mohurer ...	Ditto ...	.....	.....	
Munshi Nasiruddin Ahmed, Accounts Mohurer.	One Bigha of land.	.....	.....	
Mekligunj.				
Babu Umanath Dutta, B.L., Naib Ahilkar	Some immoveable property in Dinhata Subdivisioon,	.....	.....	
„ Sarat Chandra Ghosal, Naib Ahilkar	.....	.....	.....	
„ Kedareswar Bhaumick, Head Clerk and Sheristadar.	A basha in the town of Mekligunj.	.....	.....	
„ Lalit Mohan Banerjee 2nd Clerk & Peshkar.	Ditto ...	.....	.....	
„ Narendra Nath Adicary, 3rd Clerk.	.....	.....	.....	
„ Nibaran Chandra Roy, Accountant.	A basha in the Mekligunj town and some jotes.	.....	.....	
„ Mohendra Nath Adhikari, Accounts Mohurer.	Ditto ...	.....	.....	
„ Bhabendra Narayan Das, Poddar ...	A house in the Mekligunj town.	.....	.....	
„ Nil Kanta Roy, Dewani Mohurer...	.....	.....	.....	

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CIVIL STATEMENT No. 10.

Statement showing the Receipts and Charges in respect of Ameens employed in the Cooch Behar State for the year 1919-1920.

NAME OF COURT.	Ameen's Fees.			Time employed.	Number of Ameens.	CHARGES.			Number of Ameen's peons.	FEES.			AMEEN'S PEON'S CHARGES.			REMARKS.
	Rs	A.	P.			Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	
Civil Judge	24	0	0	8 days												
Assistant Civil Judge (Civil) ...	207	0	0	69 "												
Ditto Ditto (Rent) ..	141	0	0	47 "												
Naib Ahilkar, Sudder ...	.....			.....												
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj (Civil) ...	225	0	0	75 "												
Ditto, Ditto (Rent) ...	9	0	0	3 "												
Ditto, Dinhata (Civil) ...	24	0	0	8 "	1	912*	0	0	2	.....	...	...	168	0	0	This includes Rs. 12 for Contingencies.
Ditto, Ditto (Rent) ...	18	0	0	6 "												
Ditto, Mathabhanga (Civil) ...	72	0	0	24 "												
Ditto, Ditto (Rent) ...	.....			.....												
Ditto, Mekligunj (Civil) ...	15	0	0	5 "												
Ditto, Ditto (Rent) ...	30	0	0	10 "												
Total ...	765	0	0	255 days	1	912	0	0	2	.....	...	...	168	0	0	

PRAMATHA NATH CHATTERJEE,
Judicial Member, State Council,
Civil Dept., Cooch Behar.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 11.

Statement showing the receipts and charges in respect of the Process Service Establishment of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1919-1920.

NAMES OF COURTS.	Number of process issued.	Process-service fees.	Number of process served.	Salary of Nazir and Process-servers.	Daily average of distance travelled by each peon.	REMARKS.
Civil.		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		
Civil Judge's Court	3,590	839 0 0	3,444	6,856 9 5	8·2 miles	
Assistant Civil Judge's Court	1,910	1,866 0 0	1,860			
Toofangunj ditto	1,571	1,322 4 0	1,493	780 6 10	4·75 "	
Dinhata ditto	1,976	1,618 4 0	1,891	1,201 9 6	9·3 "	
Mathabhanga ditto	1,812	1,661 12 0	1,650	1,145 1 6	7·6 "	
Mekligunj ditto	1,367	1,209 0 0	1,290	922 1 10	5·34 "	
Rent.						
Civil Judge's Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Assistant Civil Judge's Court ...	4,281	4,087 0 0	4,190	.....	.....	
Sudder Naib Ahilkar's ditto						
Toofangunj ditto	1,430	1,144 4 0	1,328	.....	.....	
Dinhata ditto	4,401	3,588 4 0	4,039	.....	.....	
Mathabhanga ditto	3,443	3,269 0 0	3,194	.....	.....	
Mekligunj ditto	2,219	2,252 8 0	2,101	.....	.....	
Small Cause Courts.						
Assistant Civil Judge's Court	1,543	1,112 12 0	1,523	.....	.....	
Toofangunj ditto	141	118 12 0	141	.....	.....	
Dinhata ditto	1,112	820 4 0	1,016	.....	.....	
Mathabhanga ditto	1,044	862 0 0	987	.....	.....	
Mekligunj ditto	492	403 0 0	480	.....	.....	
Total ..	32,332	26,174 0 0	30,627	10,905 13 1	.....	

PRAMATHA NATH CHATTERJEE,
Judicial Member, State Council,
Civil Department, Cooch Behar.

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FROM

BABU PRAMATHA NATH CHATTERJEE, M.A., B.L.,
Judicial Member, State Council, in-charge Registration Department,
Cooch Behar.

To

HIS HIGHNESS THE PRESIDENT, STATE COUNCIL,
COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 3rd September 1920.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to submit herewith the Annual Report on the Administration of the Registration Department of the State for the year 1919-20. The usual Annual Returns Nos. I to X are hereto annexed.

2. *Charge.*—I was in charge of the office of the Registrar of Deeds from the beginning of the year till the 29th of February 1920, except for a period from the 29th of October to the 22nd of December, 1919, when I was absent on privilege leave and the Dewan of the State remained in charge of the office. For the remaining portion of the year the charge of the office remained with Babu Satish Chandra Banerjee, B.L., who relieved me of the office of Registrar of Deeds on the 1st March 1920.

3. *Changes among the Sub-Registrars.*—The following table shews the personnel of Sub-Registrars in the several Sub-Registry offices in the State :—

Sub-divisions.	*Names of officers.*	*Terms of employments.*
Sudder ...	Rai Chaudhuri Satis Chandra Mustafi, Offg. Sub-Registrar.	From the 1st to the 27th of April 1919.
Ditto ...	Babu Sarat Chandra Ghoshal, M.A. B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From the 28th of April to the 3rd of November 1919.
Ditto ...	" Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee .. Sub-Registrar.	From the 4th of November 1919 to the 31st of March 1920.
Dinhata ...	" Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From the 1st to the 26th of April 1919.
Ditto ...	" Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, M.A., B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From the 27th of April 1919 to the 21st of September 1919.
Ditto ...	" Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L., Offg. Sub-Registrar.	From the 22nd of September to the 9th of November 1919.
Ditto ...	" Uma Nath Dutta, B. L., Sub-Registrar.	From the 10th of November 1919 to the 31st of March 1920.
Mathabhanga ...	" Rajani Kanta Bhaumik, M.A., B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From the 1st of April 1919 to the 31st of March 1920.
Mekliganj ...	" Uma Nath Dutt, B.L., Sub-Registrar ...	From the 1st of April to the 9th of November 1919.
Ditto ...	" Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From the 10th of November 1919 to the 31st of March 1920.
Tufanganj ...	" Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From the 1st of April 1919 to the 31st of March 1920.

4. *Variations as regards documents, compulsory and optional.*—Table No. I, hereto appended, compares the number of deeds, both compulsory and optional, presented for registration during the year under report with that in the year previous. The number of deeds, the registration of which is compulsory, was 9,837 against 8,737 of the year preceding, shewing an increase of 1,100 deeds, and that of deeds of which the registration is optional, was 6,407 against 5,663 of the year previous, shewing an increase of 744 deeds.

5. *Variations as regards the different kinds of documents presented for registration.*—Table No. II, hereto appended, compares the number of deeds of different kinds presented for registration during the year under report with that of the year previous. The total number of documents of all classes presented for registration during the year under report was 16,244 against 14,400 of the year previous, shewing an increase of 1,844 deeds.

The increases and the decrease under the different heads of documents are shewn below :—

Increases.—	
Leases	960
Sales	445
Gifts	71
Simple mortgages	206
Obligations for payment of money	36
Wills	7
Miscellaneous	140
Total ...	1,865
Decrease.—	
Usufructuary mortgage	21
Net increase (1,865—21)	1,844

6. *Explanations for the variations.*—From the above it will appear that the increase is chiefly under the head of leases. The number of leases has been on the increase ever since the enactment of the Cooch Behar Tenancy Act V of 1910 which, after a long time, legalised the subletting of lands in durchukani right. It received a set-back in the year 1918-19. But the recent orders of Your Highness recognising the status of cultivators of the soil holding lands under verbal agreements, have led to a considerable number of leases being executed in favour of undertenants of this class ; and the increased demand for lands and the pressure brought to bear upon the jotedars and undertenants by the enhancement of their jamas under the Settlement operations now in progress seem to have induced many of the holders of land to forego the luxury of having large areas af uncultivated land in their holdings.

The increases under the heads of Sales and Mortgages, which are not large, seem to be due, in some measure, to the prices of the necessaries of life, which have been ruling high continually for a long period. It is not surprising that a number of people should, under the circumstances, be driven to the necessity of disposing of their properties by sale or seeking the help of the money lenders.

The increases under the other heads and the decrease under the head of Usufructuary mortgages are very slight and require no explanation.

7. *Variations as regards the number of deeds presented for registration in the different offices.*—The following table compares the number of documents presented for registration at each of the different offices during the year under report with that in the year previous : –

Names of Offices.	No. of deeds presented for registration.		Increase.	Decrease.
	1918-19.	1919-20		
Registrar's and Sudder Sub-Registrar's offices.	4,094	4,851	757	.....
Dinhata office	2,980	3,779	799	.....
Mathabhanga do.	3,449	3,719	270	.....
Mekliganj do.	2,013	1,662	.....	351
Tufangun do.	1,864	2,233	369	.....
Total	14,400	16,244	1,844	.....

It will be observed that there were increases in all the offices except Mekligunj. The increases in the other offices were chiefly under the heads of Leases, Sales and Simple mortgages due to the causes mentioned in para 6. The decrease in Sub-division Mekligunj is distributed in almost equal proportions under all heads and the decrease under each head is too small to call for an explanation.

8. *Number of deeds actually registered.*—Of the 16,244 deeds presented for registration, 39 were refused registration and 18 were pending at the close of the year, and the remaining 16,187 deeds were actually admitted to registration. Besides these, one deed which had been pending registration from the previous year, was admitted to registration during the year under report. Thus the total number of deeds actually admitted to registration during the year was 16,188.

9. *Progress in the work of copying and indexing.*—Of the 16,188 deeds admitted to registration none remained uncopied at the end of the year. The preparation of the indexes of these documents was also finished within the year.

10. *Registration by the Registrar of Deeds.*—The Registrar of Deeds registered 2 deeds in the year under report against 8 of the year previous, yielding fees amounting to Rs. 15-4 against Rs. 68-3 of the preceding year.

11. *Registration under the Companies Act.*—During the year under report two companies under the name and designation of The Cooch Behar Bank Limited (State Guaranteed) and Alcanro and Company Limited were registered under the Companies Act. The total fees realised for the registration of the above two companies and for the recording of certain papers in connection therewith amounted to Rs. 280 which was separately accounted for and credited to the State. Together with the two companies (The Cooch Behar Commercial Association Ltd. and The Cooch Behar Banking Corporation Ltd.) which were previously registered, the total number of registered Joint stock companies in the State thus came up to 4.

12. *Appeals and petitions.*—Including the one appeal which remained pending at the end of the previous year, there were altogether 4 appeals and petitions for disposal during the year under report. Of these, 2 were disposed of and 2 remained pending at the close of the year.

13. *Receipts.*—The total receipts under all heads during the year amounted to Rs. 18,983-7 against Rs. 16,750-13 of the year previous, shewing an increase of Rs. 2,232-10. The increase was due to the increase in the number of deeds presented for registration and to the registration of two deeds of unusually large value during the year under report.

14. *Disbursements.*—The total disbursements of the Department during the year amounted to Rs. 11,881-8-6 against Rs. 11,279-4-0 of the year preceding, shewing an increase Rs 602-4-6. The increase was chiefly due to the increase in the amount of commission paid to the registering officers and to the increase in expenditure for temporary establishment owing to the increase in the number of deeds presented for registration.

15. *Net gain to the State.*—The net balance received by the State was Rs. 7,101-14-6 against Rs. 5,471-9-0 of the year preceding, shewing an increase of Rs. 1,630-5-6.

16. *Remuneration to Sub-Registrars.*—As usual, the Sub-Registrars were remunerated by commission at 25 per cent on the total fees collected.

17. *Conduct.*—All the Sub-Registrars and the ministerial staff generally rendered satisfaction.

I have the honour to be,
Your Highness' most obedient & humble servant,
PRAMATHA NATH CHATTERJEE,
Judicial Member, State Council,
In-charge Registration Department, Cooch Behar.

I.—*Comparative table shewing the number of deeds, compulsory and optional.*

YEARS.	Compulsory.	Optional.	Total.	Amount of fees realized on documents presented for registration.
				Rs. A. P.
1918-1919	8,737	5,663	14,400	15,304 0 0
1919-1920	9,837	6,407	16,244	17,366 12
Increase	1,100	744	1,844	2,062 12 0
Decrease	.....	.....	.....	.....

II.—*Comparative table shewing the number of deeds of the different classes presented for registration in 1918-19 and 1919-20.*

YEARS.	Leases.	Usufructuary mortgages.	Sales.	Gifts.	Simple mortgages.	Obligations for payment of money.	Wills.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
1918-1919	5,022	237	5,012	123	2,161	477	17	1,351	14,400
1919-1920	5,982	216	5,457	194	2,367	513	24	1,491	16,244
Increase	960	...	445	71	206	36	7	140	1,844
Decrease ...	...	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

III.—*Table shewing the number of deeds presented for registration in the different offices.*

OFFICES.	Leases.	Usufructuary mortgages.	Sales.	Gifts.	Simple mortgages.	Obligations for payment of money.	Wills.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
Registrar's and Sudder Sub-Registrar's offices ...	2,019	24	1,540	60	649	119	10	430	4,851
Dinhata office	1,088	8	1,506	32	539	192	6	408	3,779
Mathabhanga do	1,512	37	1,137	53	524	125	3	328	3,719
Mekligunj do	296	141	625	29	417	32	4	118	1,662
Tufangunj do	1,067	6	649	20	238	45	1	207	2,233
TOTAL ...	5,982	216	5,457	194	2,367	513	24	1,491	16,244

PRAMATHA NATH CHATTERJEE,
Judicial Member, State Council,
In-charge Registration Department

IV.—*Table shewing the amount of Receipts and Disbursements of the Registration Department for the year* 1919-1920.

Names of Offices.	RECEIPTS. Registration, Copying and Searching fees &c.	RECEIPTS. Fines &c.	RECEIPTS. Total.	DISBURSEMENTS. Permanent and temporary establishments.	DISBURSEMENTS. Current and extraordinary contingencies.	DISBURSEMENTS. Commission to Sub-Registrars.	DISBURSEMENTS. Refund of fees.	DISBURSEMENTS. Total.	Excess of Expenditure over Receipt.	Excess of Receipt over Expenditure.	Balance of the last two columns
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Registrar's and Sudder Sub-Registrar's Offices ...	5,388 13 0	51 12 0	5,440 9 0	2,449 1 11 (a)	1,367 0 0 (b)	1,371 11 9	.....	5,187 13 8	.....	252 11 4	252 11 4
Dinhata ...	4,627 11 0	121 12 0	4,749 7 0	776 2 6	52 10 1	1,163 13 0	.....	1,992 9 7	.....	2,756 13 5	2,756 13 5
Mathabhanga ...	4,188 1 0	218 8 0	4,406 9 0	763 14 4	51 9 7	1,094 9 9	.....	1,910 1 8	.....	2,496 7 4	2,496 7 4
Mekligunj ...	2,421 11 0	72 12 0	2,494 7 0	864 6 2	116 3 6	584 13 6	.....	1,565 7 2	.....	928 15 10	928 15 10
Tufangunj ...	1,869 3 0	23 4 0	1,892 7 0	713 2 8	31 15 9	480 6 0	.....	1,225 8 5	.....	666 14 7	666 14 7
Total ...	18,495 7 0	488 0 0	18,983 7 0	5,566 11 7	1,619 6 11	4,695 6 0	.....	11,881 8 6	.....	7,101 14 6	7,101 14 6

(a)

	Rs.	A.	P.
Registrar's office ...	1,179	2	2
Sudder Sub-Registrar's office	1,269	15	9
	2,449	1	11

(b)

	Rs.	A.	P.
Registrar's office ...	1,343	1	6
Sudder Sub-Registrar's office	23	14	6
	1,367	0	0

PRAMATH NATH CHATTERJEE,
Judicial Member, State Council,
In-charge Registration Department.

V.—*Table shewing the nature of deeds registered and the amount of fees realised by the Registrar himself.*

Leases.		Usufructuary mortgages.		Sales.		Gifts.		Simple mortgages.		Obligations for payment of money.		Wills.		Miscellaneous.		Total	
No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.
	Rs. A.		Rs. A.		Rs. A.		Rs. A.		Rs. A.		Rs. A.		Rs. A.		Rs. A.		Rs A.
...	...	...	...	1	7 0	..	...	1	8 4	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	15 4

VI.—*Table shewing progress in the work of copying.*

OFFICES.	Deeds copied.	Deeds remained to be copied.	REMARKS.
Registrar's and Sudder Sub-Registrar's offices.	4,839	.....	Pending ... ... 3 Refused 9
Dinhata	3,768	.....	Pending ... ... 4 Refused 7
Mathabhanga	3,695	.....	Pending ... ... 10 Refused ... ... 15 Pending deed of previous year admitted to regn. 1
Mekligunj	1,658	.....	Pending ... ... Refused ... ...
Toofangunj	2,228	.....	Refused ... .

VII.—*Abstract statement of deeds presented for registration and of receipts and disbursements of the Registation Department for the year* 1919-1920.

OFFICES.	Number of Deeds presented for Registration.		Value of property affected.	Amount of fees and fines realized.	Cost of Establishment.	Percentage on fees.	Refund of fees	Contingencies.
	Compulsory.	Optional.						
			Rs.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Registrar's & Sudder Sub-Registrar's Offices ...	2,752	2,099	12,33,780	5,440 9 0	2,449 1 11	1,371 11 9	.....	1,367 0 0
Dinhata	2,118	1,661	4,05,500	4,749 7 0	776 2 6	1,163 13 0	.....	82 10 1
Mathabhanga	2,338	1,381	5,01,440	4,406 9 0	763 14 4	1,094 9 9	.....	51 9 7
Mekligunj	1,164	498	2,89,258	2,494 7 0	864 6 2	584 13 6	.....	116 3 6
Toofangunj	1,465	768	1,91,778	1,892 7 0	713 2 8	480 6 0	.....	31 15 9
TOTAL ...	9,837	6,407	26,21,756	18,983 7 0	5,566 11 7	4,695 6 0	.....	1,619 6 11

PRAMATHA NATH CHATTERJEE,
Judicial Member, State Council,
In-charge Registration Department.

VIII.—*Comparative statement of deeds presented for registration and of receipts and disbursements for the years 1918-19 and 1919-20.*

Years.	Number of deeds presented for registration.		Amount of fees and fines realised.	Cost of Establishment.	Percentage on fees.	Contingencies.	Refund of fees.	Total Expenditure.	Balance received by the State.
	Compulsory.	Optional.							
			Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1918-19 ...	8,737	5,663	16,750 13 0	5,286 2 1	4,181 10 0	1,806 15 11	4 8 0	11,279 4 0	5,471 9 0
1919-20 ...	9,837	6,407	18,983 7 0	(a) 5,566 11 7	4,695 6 0	(b) 1,619 6 11	.....	11,881 8 6	7,101 14 6
Increase ...	1,100	744	2,232 10 0	280 9 6	513 12 0	.....	.....	602 4 6	1,630 5 6
Decrease ..	...	...	.....	.....	.....	187 9 0	4 8 0	.....	...

		Rs. As. P.
(a)	Permanent Establishment ...	5,278 4 1
	Temporary Establishment ...	362 10 0
	Grain allowance to menials	25 13 6
		5,566 11 7

		Rs. As. P.
(b)	Contingencies ...	1,565 14 11
	Travelling allowance ...	53 8 0
		1,619 6 11

IX.—*Table shewing the institution and disposal of appeals preferred against the orders of the Sub-Registrars.*

OFFICES.	No. of Appeals and petitions pending at the end of the last year.	No. of Appeals instituted.	No. of petitions instituted.	Total.	Decreed.	Dismissed.	Total disposed of.	Pending.
Sudder	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dinhata	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1
Mathabhanga ...	...	...	2	2	1	...	1	1
Mekligunj	1	...	...	1	...	1	1	...
Toofangunj	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1	1	2	4	1	1	2	2

X.—*Table shewing the ratio of the different classes of documents.*

Leases.	Usufructuary Mortgages.	Sales.	Gifts.	Simple mortgages.	Obligations for payment of money.	Wills.	Miscellaneous.
·368	·013	·335	·011	·145	·031	·001	·091

PRAMATHA NATH CHATTERJEE,
Judicial Member, State Council,
In charge Registration Department.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY TO HIS HIGHNESS
THE MAHARAJA BHUP BAHADUR,
Audit Department, Cooch Behar State.

To

THE VICE-PRESIDENT, STATE COUNCIL,
COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 20th September, 1920.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit herewith the Financial Report of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1919-20. I was in charge of the Audit Department during this period except for the four months of my absence in England with His Highness the Maharaja Bhup Bahadur when Mr. S. Ghosh, Fouzdari Ahilkar, remained in charge.

2. The report is divided into :—

A.—(1) and (2)—Details of the Revenue and the Expenditure with figures for the Budget major heads and heads.
B. - Funds.
C.—Deposits.
D.—Loan and Advances.
E.—Miscellaneous.
F.—Cash Balances.

3. The following statements are annexed hereto as appendices :—

I.—Comparative Revenue and Expenditure of the State for the years 1918-19 and 1919-20.
II.—Comparative Receipts and Disbursements of the State for the years 1918-19 and 1919-20.
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A.—Details of Revenue and Expenditure.

REVENUE.

	1918-19. Rs.	1919-20. Rs.	Variation. Amount. Rs.	Variation. Percentage.
I.—General Revenue ...	17,62,601	19,71,238	2,08,637	11·83
II.—Law and Justice ...	17,890	20,048	2,158	12·08
III.—Miscellaneous ...	1,01,421	1,18,248	16,827	16·58
IV.—Debutter ...	1,13,249	1,19,233	5,984	5·28
V.—H. H.'s Estates ...	6,21,232	6,21,120	−114	−0·0018
VI.—Railway ...	3,20,526	3,80,187	59,661	18·61
Grand Total ...	29,36,919	32,30,074	2,93,155	9·98

EXPENDITURE.

	1918-19. Rs.	1919-20. Rs.	Variation. Amount. Rs.	Variation. Percentage.
I—Privy Purse ...	4,69,545	5,67,112	97,567	20·77
II—Allowance to His Highness' Relations.	2,14,373	2,53,761	39,388	18·37
III—Administration ...	10,70,447	11,97,203	1,26,756	11·84
IV—Debutter	58,791	66,114	7,323	12·45
V—His Highness' Estates ...	3,58,867	3,55,090	−3,777	−1·05
VI—State Ceremonial Dept....	2,82,847	2,53,700	−29,147	−10·30
VII—Railway	1,48,495	1,74,146	25,651	17·34
VIII—Reserve Fund ...	.....	.....	.....	.....
IX—Miscellaneous ...	1,37,913	1,43,270	5,357	3·88
Repayment of debts ...	97,944	1,34,424	36,480	37·24
Total ...	28,39,222	31,44,820	3,05,598	10·76
Surplus or Deficit ...	97,697	85,254	.....	.....
Grand Total ...	29,36,919	32,30,074	.....	.....

There had been an increase of Revenue of 1919-20 over that of 1918-19 by Rs. 2,93,155. The regular Revenue was Rs. 32,30,074 in the year under report against Rs. 29,67,204, the average of the immediately previous three years.

The Expenditure of Rs. 31,44,820, against Rs. 28,39,222 shows an increase of Rs. 3,05,598. The principal increases are under (1) Privy Purse Rs. 97,567, (2) Allowance to His Highness' Relations Rs. 39,388, (3) Control Rs. 27,338, (4) General Rs. 76,432, (5) Revenue Rs. 9,393, (6) Law and Justice Rs. 2,367, (7) Miscellaneous Rs. 11,226, (8) Debutter Rs. 7,323, (9) Railway Rs. 25,651, (10) Miscellaneous Rs. 5,357, (11) Re-payment of Debts Rs. 36,480.

The principal decreases are under (1) His Highness' Estates Rs. 3,777 and (2) State Ceremonial Department Rs. 29,147.

The surplus stands at Rs. 85,254 against a surplus of Rs. 97,697 in 1918-19.

I.—REVENUE.

5. General Revenue.—

(a) *Land Revenue.*—The total receipts under this head are Rs. 14,85,367 against Rs. 13,33,305 of 1918-19 showing an increase of Rs. 1,52,062 which is due to increases under—

	Rs.
Ordinary Revenue	1,45,010
Shairat	3,167
Cess	73
Copying fees	52
Miscellaneous	3,970

Less decrease under Tolls on Bridges Rs. 210.

(b) *Stamps.*—The total receipts under this head are Rs. 2,96,084 against Rs. 2,42,003 of 1918-19 showing an increase of Rs. 54,081 which is due to increases under—

	Rs.
Sale of Judicial and Documentary stamps...	47,067
" Court-fee and Copying-fee Stamps...	974
" Adhesive Stamps	1,059
" Cartridge papers	168
" Service Stamps	4,759
Miscellaneous	96

Less decrease under Duty on unstamped paper Rs. 42.

(c) *Excise.*—The total receipts under this head are Rs. 1,80,928 against Rs. 1,75,679 of 1918-19. The increase of Rs. 5,249 is due to increases under :—

	Rs.
License fee on Liquors and Drugs	6,795
Sale of opium	1,230

Less decrease under Miscellaneous Rs. 2,776.

(d) *Interest on Loans and Investments.*—The receipts under this head are Rs. 569 against Rs. 743 of 1918-19. The decrease of Rs. 174 is due to decrease under ordinary Loans.

(e) *Sundries.*—The total receipts under this head are Rs. 8,290 against Rs. 10,871 of 1918-19. The decrease of Rs. 2,581 is due to decreases under :—

	Rs.
Lapsed Deposits	2,473
Miscellaneous	108

6. II.—Law and Justice.—

(a) *Civil and Sessions Court.*—The receipt under this head is Rs. 1,052 against Rs. 1,124 of 1918-19 showing a decrease of Rs. 72 only.

(b) *Registration.*—The receipt under this head is Rs. 18,996 against Rs. 16,766 showing an increase of Rs. 2,230 which is principally due to a larger number of documents presented for registration.

7. III.—MISCELLANEOUS.—

(a) *Criminal Justice*—The receipts under this head are Rs. 8,326 against Rs. 6,059 of 1918-19. The increase of Rs. 2,267 is due to increases under :—

	Rs.
Sale of Unclaimed and Escheated property ...	157
Magisterial Fines	2,270

Less decrease under Miscellaneous Rs. 160.

(b) *Jail.*—The total receipts under this head are Rs. 35,052 against Rs. 23,186 of 1918-19. The increase of Rs. 11,866 is due to :—

	Rs.
Sale of Jail Manufacture	12,296
Miscellaneous	41

Less decreases under Convict labour Rs. 461.

(c) *Education, Science and Arts.*—The total receipts under this head are Rs. 33,462 against Rs. 32,185 of 1918-19. The increase of Rs. 1,277 is due to increases under :—

	Rs.
Victoria College	1,686
Miscellaneous	56
Less DECREASES UNDER.—	
Jenkins School	340
Model Schools	125

(d). *Public Works.*—The total receipts under this head are Rs. 28,521 against Rs. 29,978 of 1918-19. The decrease of Rs. 1,457 is explained thus :—

(1) *Ordinary*—The receipt under this head is Rs. 5,858 against Rs. 8,802 of 1918-19.

(2) *Artizan School.*—The receipt under this head is Rs. 15,811 against Rs. 11,856 of 1918-19.

The increase of Rs. 3,955 is due to greater amount of work done during the year under report.

(3) *Electrical Department.*—The total receipts under this head are Rs. 6,852 against Rs. 9,320 of 1918-19. There has been a decrease of Rs. 2,468 which is due to a less number of connections this year.

(e) *Sundries.*—The total receipts under this head are Rs. 12,887 against Rs. 10,013 of 1918-19. The increase of Rs. 2,874 is explained thus :—

	Rs.
Miscellaneous	4,622
Printing office receipts	53
Less DECREASES UNDER :—	
Medical Department	714
Copying fees, Council office	1,087

8. IV—DEBUTTER.—The total receipts under this head are Rs. 1,19,233 against Rs. 1,13,249 of 1918-19. The increase of Rs. 5,984 is due to better collections during the year under report.

9. V.—HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA'S ESTATES.—

(a) *Darjeeling Estate.*—The total receipts under this head are Rs. 76,616 against Rs. 76,501 of 1818-19. There has been a slight increase of Rs. 115 only, which is due to an increase of Rs. 1,285 under House rent, *less* decrease of Rs. 1,170 under Miscellaneous.

(b) *Chaklajat Estates.*—The total receipts under this head are Rs. 5,44,504 against Rs. 5,44,731 of 1918-19. The decrease Rs. 227 is explained below :—

	Rs.
Rent	642
Cess	1,147
Debutter	200

Plus increase under Miscellaneous Rs. 1,762.

10. VI.—*Cooch Behar State Railway.*—The total receipts under this head are Rs. 3,80,187 against Rs. 3,20,526 of 1918-19. The increase of Rs. 59,661 is due to general increase in both Coaching and Goods Traffic.

2.—EXPENDITURE.

11. I.—*His Highness' Privy Purse.*—The expenditure under this head is Rs. 5,67,112 against Rs. 4,69,545 of 1918-19 showing an increase of Rs. 97,567.

12. II.—*Allowance to His Highness' Relations.*—The total expenditure under this head is Rs 2,53,761 against Rs. 2,14,373. The increase of Rs. 39,388 is due to increases granted to Maharajkumars Victor N. Narayan and Hitendra Narayan, to Maharajkumari Sakriti Ghosal and to the Rajgons.

13. III.—ADMINISTRATION.—

1. *Control.*—The total expenditure under this head which is explained below, is Rs. 87,893 against Rs. 60,555 of 1918-19. The increase of Rs. 27,338 is due to.—

			Rs.
His Highness' Office	...	...	27,810
Council Office	...	...	230

Less savings under Audit Office Rs. 703.

(*a*) *His Highness the Maharaja's Office.*—The expenditure under this head is Rs. 67,572 against Rs. 39,761 of 1918-19. The increase of Rs. 27,811 is due to increase of Rs. 27,293 under Household Establishment—Rs. 478 under Travelling allowance, Rs 206 under His Highness' Office Contingencies, less decrease of Rs. 166 under Secretary to His Highness' Establishment.

(*b*) *Audit Office.*—The expenditure under this head is Rs. 9,486 against Rs. 10,189 of 1918-19. The decrease of Rs. 703 is due to decrease of Rs. 714 under Contingencies and an increase of Rs. 11 only under establishment.

(*c*) *His Highness' Council Office.*—The total expenditure under this head is Rs. 10,835 against Rs. 10,605 of 1918-19. The increase of Rs. 230 is mainly due to increased expenditure under Establishment and Unforeseen charges as well as savings under Contingencies.

14. III.—ADMINISTTATION.—

2. *General.*—The total expenditure under this head is Rs. 5,85,390 against Rs 5,08,958 of 1918-19. The increase of Rs. 76,432 is explained below :--

(*a*) *Office of the Vice-President, State Council, General Department.*—The expenditure under this head is Rs. 49,223 against Rs. 45,535 of 1918-19. The increase of Rs. 3,688 is due to increases under.—

			Rs.
Vice-President, State Council, General Department	...	...	958
Establishment	...	...	402
Contingencies	...	...	625
Travelling allowance	...	...	1,510
Unforeseen ...	...	...	193

(*b*) *Criminal Justice.*—The total expenditure under this head is Rs. 31,426 against Rs. 32,404 of 1918-19. The decrease of Rs. 978 is due to decreases under :—

			Rs.
Fouzdari Ahilkar and Assistants...		...	2,957
Pleaders' Fees	...	...	17
Less INCREASES UNDER.—			
Establishment...	...	...	140
Contingencies	...	...	814
Travelling allowance	...	...	283
Refund of Criminal Fines ...		...	750
Nezarat Department	...	...	9

(c) *Education, Science and Arts.*—The total expenditure under this head is Rs. 1,20,503 against Rs. 1,19,749 of 1918-19. The increase of Rs. 754 is explained below :—

(i) *Higher Education.*—The expenditure is Rs. 70,659 against Rs. 69,919 of 1918-19. The increase of Rs. 740 is due to increases under :—

	Rs.
Victoria College	909
Boarding Institution	415
State Library	41
Raj Rajendra Narayan Boarding Institution	10
Less DECREASES UNDER.—	
Jenkins School	155
Scholarships	298
Contingencies	182

(ii) *Primary Education.*—The expenditure is Rs. 49,844 against Rs. 49,830 of 1918-19. The increase is Rs. 14 only.

(d) *Jail.*—The total expenditure under this head is Rs. 47,871 against Rs. 26,996 of 1918-19. The increase of Rs. 20,875 is due to increases under :—

	Rs.
Contingencies	1,622
Rations to Prisoners	3,019
Clothing and Bedding	477
Hospital expenses	112
Raw materials for Jail manufactures ...	15,744
Less DECREASES UNDER—	
Establishment...	19
and Repairs to Jail	80

(e) *Police.*—The total expenditure under this head is Rs. 67,362 against Rs. 69,189 of 1918-19. The decrease of Rs. 1,827 is due to decreases under :—

	Rs.
Travelling allowance	577
Executive Police Force	2,033
Detective Police	169
Repairs to and Construction of Police buildings	217
Less INCREASES UNDER—	
Superintendent and establishment ...	140
Contingencies...	709
Uniform and Accoutrements ...	320

(f) *Medical.*—The total expenditure under this head is Rs. 51,391 against Rs. 50,020 of 1918-19. The increase of Rs. 1,371 is due to increases under :—

	Rs.
Establishment...	212
Contingencies	1,147
Travelling allowance	1,127
Vaccination	620
Clothing and Beddings	88
Veterinary Establishment	246
Sanitary Department	757
Less DECREASES UNDER—	
Civil Surgeon, Assistant Surgeons and Sub-Assistant Surgeons ...	1,364
Diet to In-patients	308
Medicine and Instruments... ...	1,152

(*g*) *State Press.*—The total expenditure under this head is Rs. 16,922 against Rs. 15,248 of 1918-19. The increase of Rs. 1,674 is due to increase under each one of the several Sub-heads.

(*h*) *Public Works.*—The total charge under this head is Rs. 2,00,692 against Rs. 1,49,817 of 1918-19. The increase of Rs. 50,875 is explained thus :—

(*i*) *Public Works Department, Ordinary.*—The charges are Rs. 92,762 against Rs. 55,590. The details of expenditure are given in paragraph 28 of this Report.

(*ii*) *Artisan School.*—The charges are Rs. 19,733 against Rs. 18,280 of 1918-19. The details are dealt with separately in paragraph 28 of this Report.

(*iii*) *State grant to Communication Improvement Fund.*—The charges are Rs. 34,365 against Rs. 45,711 of 1918-19. The decrease is Rs. 11,346 only.

(*iv*) *Electrical Department*—The total expenditure is Rs 53,832 against Rs. 30,236 of 1918-19 The increase is Rs. 23,596.

15. III.—ADMINISTRATION.—

3. *Revenue.*—The total expenditure under this head is Rs 3,16,593 against Rs. 3,07,200 of 1918-19. The increase of Rs. 9,393 is explained below :—

(*a*) *Land Revenue.*—The expenditure under this head is Rs. 2,87,513 against Rs. 2,83,068 of 1918-19. The increase of Rs. 4,445 is due to increases under—

	Rs.
Dewan and Assistants	3,441
Establishment	139
Contingencies	454
Temporary Establishment... ...	535
Refund of Revenue	770
Resettlement	1,108
Unforeseen charges	192
Less INCREASES UNDER—	
State Pleader	669
Travelling allowance	615
Canoongoes and Establishment ...	795
Canoongoes' contingencies ...	48
Survey and Settlement	12
Nezarat Department	44
Agriculture and Industry	11

Collection charges (omitting the heads "Government Tribute", Resettlement" and "Unforeseen charges") amount to Rs. 92,717 against Rs. 89,573 of 1818-19. The gross collections under I.—General Revenue (*a*) Land Revenue and IV.—Debutter are Rs. 16,04,600 against Rs. 14,46,554 of 1918-19 and net collection is Rs. 15,11,883 against Rs. 13,56,981 of 1918-19. The collection charges are, therefore, 5·77 per cent. of the gross collections against 6·19 per cent. of 1918-19.

(*b*) *Excise.*—The expenditure under this head is Rs. 7,464 against Rs. 7,501 of 1918-19. The decrease is Rs. 37 only which is due to decreases under :—

	Rs.
Establishment	22
Contingencies	13
Travelling allowance	32

Less INCREASES UNDER—

	Rs.
Purchase of opium	15
Rewards	15

Net collection under this head is Rs. 1,73,464 against Rs. 1,68,178 of 1918-19. The charges are 4·12 per cent. of the gross collections against 4·26 per cent. of 1918-19.

(*c*) *Stamps.*—The expenditure under this head is Rs. 12,908 against Rs. 7,663 of 1918-19. The increase of Rs. 5,245 is due to increase under all the Sub-heads.

Net collections under Stamps are Rs. 2,83,176 against Rs. 2,34,340 of 1918-19 ; and the charges are 4·35 per cent. of the gross collections against 3·16 per cent of 1918-19.

(*d*) *Cooch Behar Treasury.*—The expenditure under this head is Rs. 8,708 against Rs. 8,968 of 1918-19. The decrease of Rs. 260 is due to decreases under—

	Rs.	
Contingencies	232	
Transit charges for Cash Remittance ...	41	Rs.
Less increase under establishment ...		13

16. III.—ADMINISTRATION.—

4. *Law and Justice.*—The total expenditure under this head is Rs. 64,130 against Rs. 61,763 of 1918-19. The increase of Rs. 2,367 is explained thus :—

(*a*) *Civil and Sessions Court.*—The expenditure is Rs. 52,395 against Rs. 50,587 of 1918-19. The increase of Rs. 1,808 is due to increases under :—

	Rs.
Civil and Sessions Judge and Assistants ...	1,700
Establishment	362
Travelling allowance	42
Less DECREASES UNDER—	
Contingencies	21
Court Amins	7
Nezarat Department	247
Unforeseen charges	13

(*b*) *Registration.*—The total expenditure under this head is Rs. 11,735 against Rs. 11,176 of 1918-19. The increase of Rs. 559 is due to increases under—

	Rs.
Fees to Registrars	514
Establishment	48
Travelling allowance	7
Less DECREASE UNDER—	
Contingencies	10

17. III. ADMINISTRATION.—

5. *Miscellaneous.*—Total expenditure under this head is Rs. 1,43,197 against Rs. 1,31,971 of 1918-19. The increase of Rs. 11,226 is explained below :—

(*a*) *Pensions and allowances.*—The charges are Rs. 91,342 against Rs. 86,859 of 1918-19. The increase of Rs. 4,483 is due to increases under :—

	Rs.
Retiring Pension	118
Invalid Pension	206
Superannuation Pension	1,054
Special Pension	3,610
Compassionate allowance	46
Gratuity	198
Less DECREASES UNDER—	
Compensation Pension	361
Miscellaneous	72
Pensions to employees in His Highness' Estates.	116

(*b*) *Sundries.*—The charges are Rs. 51,855 against Rs. 45,112 of 1918-19. The increase of Rs. 6,743 is due to increases under :—

	Rs.
Grain compensation allowance to menials (sanctioned this year).	8,110
Town Improvement, Sudder ...	2,780
Furlough and Leave allowance ...	137
LESS DECREASES UNDER—	
Re-payment of Lapsed Deposits ...	4,164
Miscellaneous	4
Profit and Loss	116

18. IV.—DEBUTTER.—

The total expenditure under this head is Rs. 66,114 against Rs. 58,791 of 1918-19. The increase of Rs. 7,323 is due to increases under :—

	Rs.
Establishment	254
Ordinary Pujas	3,672
Periodical Pujas	587
Repairs to Temples	12
Contingencies...	1,377
Benares Establishment	107
" Contingencies	1,337
LESS DECRESES UNDER :—	
Alms	15
Travelling allowance	8

19. V.—HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA'S ESTATES.—

The Expenditure under this head is Rs. 3,55,090 against Rs. 3,58,867 of 1918-19. The decrease of Rs. 3,777 is detailed below :—

(*a*) *Darjeeling Estate.*—The total expenditure is Rs. 56,649 against Rs. 66,535 of 1918-19. The decrease of Rs. 9,886 is due to decreases under :—

	Rs.
Annuities to Maharajkumars	20,000
Stock materials (Purchase of)	790
Unforeseen charges	4,534
Repairs etc.	1,501
LESS INCREASES UNDER :—	
Original works	2,245
Electric Light	227
Establishment	26
Taxes	1,201
Furniture...	12,995
Contingencies	245

The charge of Rs. 20,000 under the sub-head "Annuities to Maharajkumars" has been eliminated from the Darjeeling Estates and provided in the State Budget under orders. It will be evident from the above that this saving of Rs. 20,000 is apparent and not real and has been mostly utilised to meet the extra expenditure under several other sub-heads particularly Furniture, Original works and Taxes.

(b) *Chaklajat Estates.*—The expenditure under this head is Rs. 2,98,441 against Rs. 2,92,332 of 1918-19. The increase of Rs. 6,109 is due to increases under :—

	Rs.
Revenue payable	3,295
Management	1,208
Grain compensation allowance to menials (sanctioned this year).	1,851
LESS DECREASES UNDER :—	
Miscellaneous	222
Debutter	23

The gross collections are Rs. 5,44,502 against Rs. 5,44,731 of 1918-19 and the net collections are Rs. 2,46,061 against Rs. 2,52,399 of 1918-19. Charges under Revenue payable are 33·67 per cent. of the gross collections against 33·06 per cent of 1918-19. Charges under Management and Miscellaneous are 19·16 per cent of the gross collections against 19·89 per cent of 1918-19.

Expenditure under Chaklajat Public works are Rs. 6,716 against Rs. 5,952 of 1918-19. The increase of Rs. 764 is due to increase in provision.

20. STATE CEREMONIAL DEPARTMENT.—The expenditure under this head is Rs. 2,53,700 against Rs. 2,82,847 of 1918-19. The decrease of Rs. 29,147 is explained below :—

(a) *Duar Office Establishment and Contingencies.*—The charges are Rs. 17,014 against Rs. 16,679 of 1918-19. The increase of Rs. 335 is as under :—

	Rs.
Establishment	63
Contingencies	272

(b) *Philkhana.*—The charges are Rs. 43,375 against Rs. 39,742 of 1918-19. The increase of Rs. 3,633 is due to increases under :—

	Rs.
Feed of Elephants	4,403
Contingencies	119
Travelling allowance	25
LESS DECREASE UNDER :—	
Establishment	914

(c) *Camp.*—The charges under this head are Rs. 40,342 against Rs. 37,399 of 1918-19. There has been an increase of Rs. 2,943 which is due to increased provision.

(d) *Stables.*—The expenditure under this head is Rs. 4,493 against Rs. 3,719 of 1918-19. The increase of Rs 774 is due principally to the payment of a Horse allowance to the Civil Surgeon (which was a saving last year on account of the Furlough of late Civil Surgeon) and increased provision under Dewan's Stables.

(e) *Military.*—The total expenditure under this head is Rs. 40,677 against Rs. 37,869 of 1918-19. There has been an increase of Rs. 2,808 is due to increases under :—

	Rs.
Establishment	79
Contingencies	12
Uniform	2,711
Ammunition	118
Less decrease under	
Men and Sepoys	112

(*f*) *Band.*—The charges under this head are Rs. 23,786 against Rs. 21,927 of 1918-19. The increase of Rs. 1,859 is due to increases under all the sub-heads, particularly under "Travelling allowance".

(*g*) *Palace Public Works.*—The charges under this head are Rs. 57,406 against Rs. 85,508 of 1918-19. The decrease of Rs. 28,102 is explained in paragraph 28 of this Report.

(*h*) *Ceremonies.*—The total charges under this head are Rs. 2,485 against Rs 24,882 of 1918-19. The decrease is Rs 22,397.

(*i*) *Visits.*—The total charges under this head are Rs. 11,770 against Rs. 12,927 of 1918-19. The decrease is therefore Rs. 1,157.

(*j*) *Statue of the late Maharaja Sir Nripendra Narayan Bhup Bahadur, G. C. I. E., C. B.*,—The total charges under this head are Rs. 6,773 against Rs. 2,194 of 1918-19. The increase is thus Rs. 4,579.

(*k*) *Peace celebrations.*—The expenditure under this head is Rs. 4,453. This is a new charge sanctioned this year to celebrate the conclusion of the Great War.

(*l*) *Commemorative Medals to students to mark the conclusion of the Great War.*—The expenditure under this head is Rs. 1,125.

21. VII.—Cooch Behar State Railway—

The working expenses are Rs. 1,74,146 against Rs. 1,48,495. The increase of Rs. 25,651 in the working expenses is due to increase in the earnings of the Railway.

The net earnings of the Railway amount to Rs. 2,06,041 against Rs. 1,72,031 of 1918-19. The net earnings work out at 9·9 per cent of Rs. 20,80,231.—Capital expenditure actually incurred up to 31st March 1920 and 9·8 per cent of Rs. 20,87,759—the amount deposited by the State for Capital Expenditure up to 31st March 1920. The figures for 1918-19 show 8·27 per cent and 8·23 per cent respectively.

22. IX.—Miscellaneous—

The total expenditure is Rs. 1,43,270 against Rs. 1,37,913 of 1918-19. The increase of Rs. 5,357 is due to increases under :—

		Rs.
	Allowance to Brahmins and others ...	... 1,859
	Donation for charitable purposes ...	... 789
	Sir N. N. Memorial Fund at Darjeeling	... 65,000
New provisions made this year.	Legacy to Mr. N. N. Sen ...	... 3,000
	Rent of Harrington mansions ...	... 2,700
	Unforeseen	... 65
	Less Decreases under.—	
	Contribution to Public Funds ...	... 67,906
	Contribution to Public Institutions ...	... 150

23. Repayment of Debts—

The expenditure is Rs. 1,34,424 against Rs. 97,944 of 1918-19.

24. Railway Capital Expenditure—

There was no expenditure under this head during the year under report although there was a provision of Rs. 8,000.

B.—FUNDS.

25. The Cooch Behar Treasury shows the following figures :—

Names and particulars of Funds.	Opening Balance in 1919-20.	Add Receipts in 1919-20.	Deduct Disbursements in 1919-20.	Closing Balance of 1919-20.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. ANTI-CHOLERA FUND. –				
Cash	4,655	77	.....	4,732
Government Promissory Notes	.....	.....	.....	.....
2. RE-SETTLEMENT FUND.—				
Cash	6,206	.....	.....	6,206
Government Promissory Notes	.....	.....	.....	.....
3. COMMUNICATION IMPROVEMENT FUND.—				
Cash	6,516	59,532	57,164	8,884
Government Promissory Notes	.....	.....	.....	7,300
4. PUBLIC WORKS CONTRIBUTION WORKS.—				
Cash	8,910	13,813	14,100	8,623
Government Promissory Notes	.....	.....	.....	.....
5. DARJEELING FIRE INSURANCE FUND.—				
Cash	4,655	.....	1,368	3,287
Government Promissory Notes	.....	.....	.....	.....
6. VILLAGE CHOWKIDARI FUND.—				
Cash	11,714	7,854	4,030	15,538
Government Promissory Notes	5,600	.....	.....	5,600
Loans given	.....	.....	.....	.....
Discount paid	.....	.....	.....	.....
7. POUND FUND.—				
Cash	31,407	38,070	31,080	38,397
Government Promissory Notes	5,400	.....	.....	5,400
Loans given	.....	.....	.....	.....
Discount paid	.....	.....	.....	.....
8. TEMPLE SCHOLARSHIP FUND.—				
Cash	98	35	3	130
Government Promissory Notes	1,100	.....	.....	1,100
9. VIDYASAGAR MEMORIAL FUND.—				
Cash	852	47	.....	899
Government Promissory Notes	1,500	.....	.....	1,500
10. COOCH BEHAR TOWN COMMITTEE FUND.—				
Cash only	20,714	50,524	44,814	27,424
11. MATHABHANGA TOWN COMMITTEE FUND.—				
Cash only	3,505	6,140	5,565	4,080
12. DINHATA TOWN COMMITTEE FUND.—				
Cash only	1,180	6,974	7,792	362
13. HALDIBARI TOWN COMMITTEE FUND.—				
Cash only	.....	8,004	5,879	2,125
14. CHILDREN'S FUND.—				
Cash	3,022	.....	.....	3,022
Government Promissory Notes	.....	.....	.....	5,300
15. SPECIAL FUND.—				
Cash	1,459	.....	.....	1,459
Government Promissory Notes	.....	.....	.....	.....
16. RESERVE FUND.—				
Cash only	46	.....	.....	46
17. TRUST FUND IN FAVOUR OF MAHARAJKUMARI SUDHIRA SUNDARI.—				
Cash	2,160	5,832	7,992	.....
18. BHUBANNATH CHAKRAVERTY SCHOLARSHIP FUND.				
Cash	29	42	42	29
Government Promissory Notes	.....	.....	.....	1,300

N. B.—The figures for Government Promissory Notes under the different Funds have been given so far as have been received from the Treasury Officer.

1. *Anti-Cholera Fund.*—There was a receipt of Rs. 77 under this head. There was no expenditure.

2. *Re-Settlement Fund.*—There was neither receipt nor expenditure under this head during the year under Report. The Revenue Department of the State has, as usual, made a provision of Rs. 10,000 in the Revenue side of the Budget. This sum, from year to year, is shown on paper only but is never

credited. The interest on Government Promissory Notes has not been credited during the year 1918-19 and 1919-20.

3 *Communication Improvement Fund.*—The receipts of Rs. 59,532 are made up of :—

		Rs.
(i)	State Grant	34,365
(ii)	Unexpended Balance	25,109
(iii)	Miscellaneous Receipts	58

The expenditure of Rs. 57,164 is made up of :—

		Rs.
(i)	Unexpended Balance	25,109
(ii)	Public Works expenses	30,581
(iii)	Uncashed cheques for 1918-19 and 1919-20 ...	1,474

The State Grant of Rs. 34,365 is made up of :—

		Rs.
(i)	General Revenue	27,421
(ii)	Cess on Mukrary Lands	1,995
(iii)	Tolls on Bridges	4,949

4. *Public Works Contribution Works.*—Total works done during the year were of the value of Rs. 13,904 and Rs. 4,353 was refunded to the parties. The receipts are Rs. 13,813.

5 *Darjeeling Fire-Insurance Fund.*—There was no receipt in the year under report. The disbursement is Rs. 1,368 which represents Insurance Premia for Buildings etc.

6. *Village Chowkidari Fund.*—The Receipt of Rs. 7,854 is made up of—

		Rs.
(i)	Deduction from the pay of Chowkidars ...	5,755
(ii)	Miscellaneous receipts	2,099

No interest was credited by the Treasury during the year under report. The disbursement was Rs. 4,030.

7. *Pound Fund.*—The receipts of Rs. 38,070 consist of :—

		Rs.
(i)	Loan to Privy Purse realised	24,000
(ii)	Receipts from permanent Pounds ...	12,398
(iii)	Sale proceeds of impounded cattle ...	1,633
(iv)	Miscellaneous	39

No interest was credited by the Treasury during the year under report.

The disbursements during the year were Rs. 31,080 which include an accommodation loan of Rs. 24,000 to Privy Purse.

8. *Temple Scholarship Fund.*—The receipt during the year is Rs. 35 and the disbursement is Rs. 3 only.

9. *Vidyasagar Memorial Fund.*—There was no expenditure during the year under report and the receipt was Rs. 47.

10—12. *Town Committee Funds* :—

RECEIPTS.

Particulars.	Cooch Behar.		Mathabhanga.		Dinhata.		Haldibari.	
	1918-19.	1919-20.	1918-19.	1919-20.	1918-19.	1919-20.	1918-19.	1919-20.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
State Grant	26,920	29,700	2,665	2,665	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900
Grant from Pound Fund ..	3,600	3,600	1,000	1,000	200	200	.....	.....
Chowkidari Tax	4,783	5,679	696	700	1 401	1,118	668	928
Latrine Tax	6,921	7,212	643	740	1,338	1,083	.....	.....
Miscellaneous	3,729	4,332	1,092	1,035	3,530	2,673	3,234	5,177
Total ...	45,953	50,523	6,096	6,140	8,369	6,974	5,802	8,005

DISBURSEMENT.

Public Works ...	15,113	19,012	1,015	1,272	2,455	2,942	1,989	2,298
Establishment & Contingencies	2,662	4,557	790	1,163	977	1,216	1,234	1,233
Chowkidari Tax ..	2,911	3,898	582	727	629	686	.....	.....
Lighting	5,367	4,675	720	618	593	786	713	688
Conservancy	8,596	9,169	1,485	1,562	1,514	1,420	998	1,047
Miscellaneous	3,477	3,503	414	228	1,162	798	1,106	613
Total ..	38,126	44,814	5,006	5,565	7,330	7,792	6,040	5,879

On the receipt side the State grants for Cooch Behar, Mathabhanga, Dinhata and Haldibari show Rs. 29,700, Rs. 2,665, Rs. 1,900 and Rs. 1,900

respectively. The only variation is Cooch Behar which shows an increase of Rs. 2,780 including a donation of Rs. 1,000 for clearing Jungles. Of the receipts under various sub-heads of the Cooch Behar Town Committee, "Miscellaneous" the most noticeable item is :—

	1918-19	1919-20
	Rs.	Rs.
Cart Registration fees	1,102	1,674

Mathabhanga shows a slight increase of Rs. 44 only. Haldibari shows an increase of Rs. 2,203, while Dinhata shows a considerable decrease of Rs. 1,395.

On the disbursement side all the Town Committees exhibit increases in expenditure except Haldibari where the decrease is Rs. 161.

26. **C.—DEPOSITS.**

	Cooch Behar State.				Chaklajat Estate.	
	Revenue Deposit.	General Deposit.	Judicial Deposit Civil.	Judicial Deposit Criminal.	Revenue Deposit.	General Deposit.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Opening Balance in 1919-20 ...	52,952	29,938	27,139	14,963	2,711	17,578
Add Receipts in 1919-20 ...	40,846	37,048	44,408	2.425	2,01,422	6,673
Total ...	93,798	66,986	71,547	17,388	2,04,133	24,251
Deduct Deposits repaid in 1919-20 ...	36,386	44,320	38,755	2,007	2,00,341	17,663
Deduct Deposits lapsed on 31st March 1920.	5,523	2,510	2,457	310	.....	.....
Total Deductions ...	41,909	46,830	41,212	2.317	2,00,341	17,668
Closing Balance of 1919-20 ...	51,889	20,156	30,335	15,071	3,792	6,588

In the year under report Rs. 2,410 against Rs. 6,574 was repaid out of the provision for the purpose made under 5.—Miscellaneous (*b*) Sundries—Repayment of Lapsed Deposits and Rs. 10,800 lapsed to the State against Rs. 10,764 of 1918-19.

27. **D.—LOANS AND ADVANCES.**

	Opening balance in 1919-20.	Add payment in 1919-20.	Deduct Amount written off in 1919-20	Deduct Amount repaid or adjusted in 1919-20.	Closing balance of 1919-20.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Loans to Sundry Individuals	41,699	7,660	.....	4,825	44,534
Chaklajat Loan Accounts ...	32,583	200	.....	22	32,761
Cooch Behar State Advance Recoverable.	4,79,892	1,31,996	1,726	67,389	5,42,773
Darjeeling Estate Advance Recoverable.	693	6,679	.....	6,579	793
Chaklajat Estate do. do.	28,347	1,28,732	.....	1,38,804	18,275
Cooch Behar State Permanent advance.	8,990	550	.....	.....	9,540
Chaklajat Estate do. do.	801	.....	.....	.....	801

Loans to Sundry Individuals.—The total amount realised during the year under report is Rs. 4,825 and the amount lent is Rs. 7,660.

Chaklajat Loan Account.—Amount realised is Rs. 22 and the amount lent is Rs. 200.

Cooch Behar State Advances.—During the year under report Rs. 1,31,996 was advanced and Rs. 69,115 recovered against Rs. 2, 21,065 and Rs. 1,34,444 of 1918-19.